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After desperate Kremlin leader warns West of Armageddon if he's thwarted on Ukraine, Liz Truss issues defiant riposte...

LIZ Truss last night warned Vladimir Putin he will never win in Ukraine despite his 'desperate' threat to use nuclear weapons.

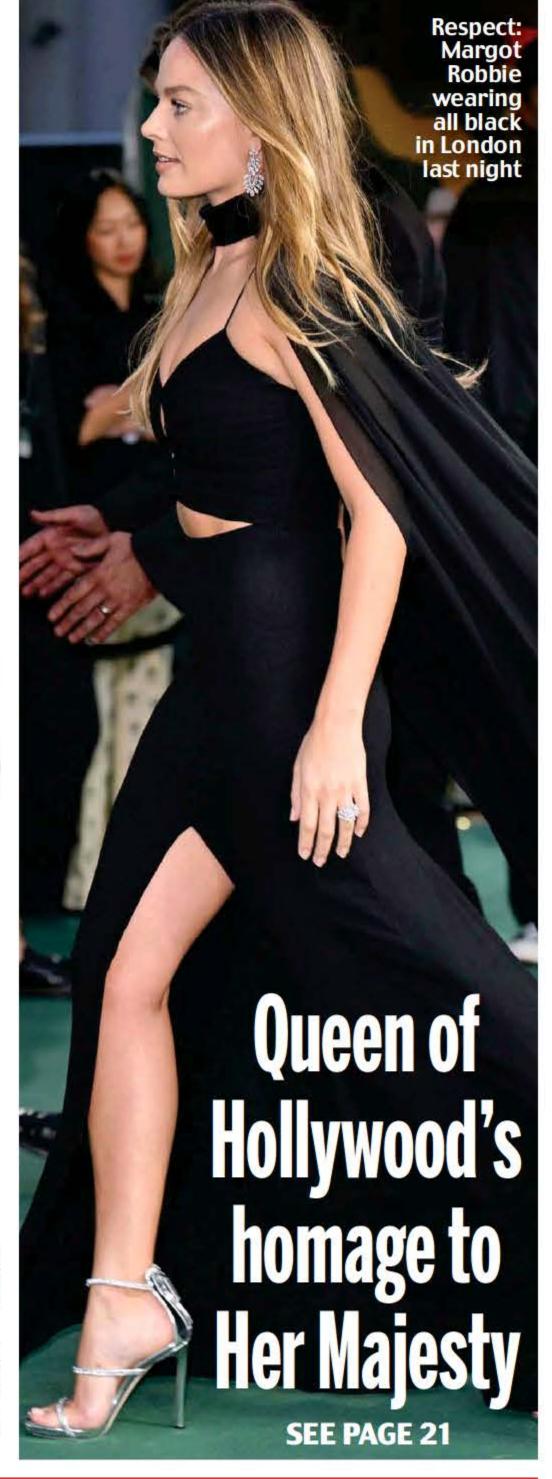
She and Joe Biden both denounced the Russian despot From **Jason Groves** in New York and James Franey in Brussels

in New York after he delivered a chilling speech in Moscow.

Putin said he had ordered the mobilisation of reserves to fight in Ukraine and claimed he was 'not bluffing' over the use of his nuclear arsenal. The crisis dominated talks between the Prime Minister and President Biden last night during which they insisted the West would not yield to aggression.

Addressing the UN general assembly in the early hours, Miss Truss said Putin was 'desperately trying to justify his catastrophic failures'. She added: 'He is doubling down

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## Do you really want to sell me? Boy George puts mansion on market...for £17MILLION



Stunning: The Gothic

George, inset, which

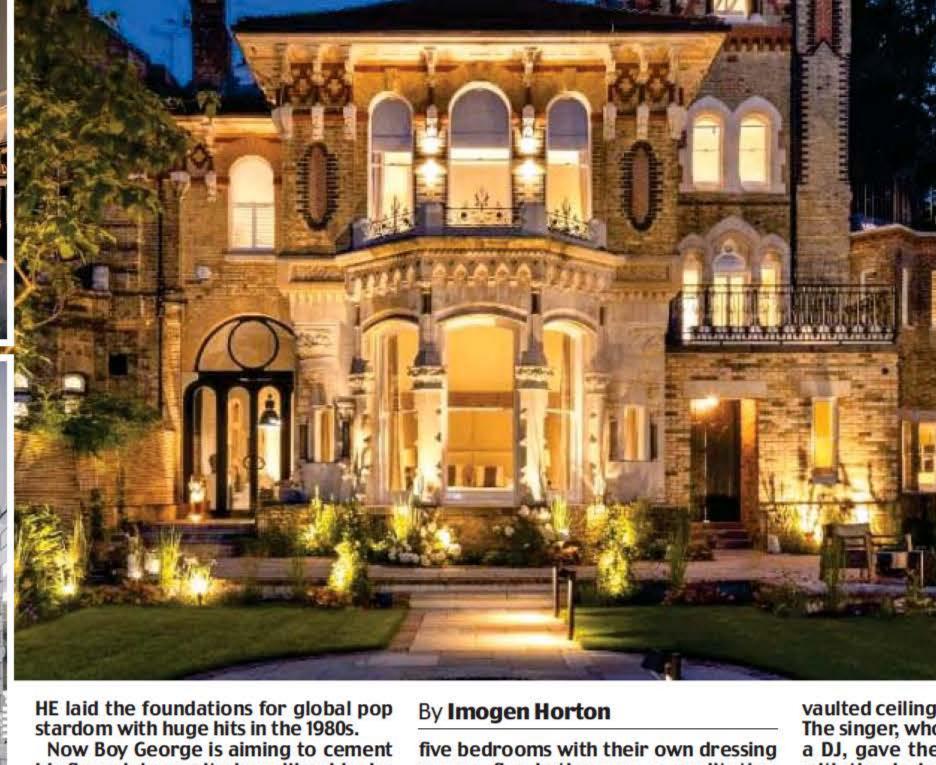
features a tower, grand staircase and

glass extension

mansion owned by Boy







Now Boy George is aiming to cement his financial security by selling his six-bedroom mansion for a staggering £17million. The stunning Grade II-listed Gothic property, which overlooks Hampstead Heath in north London, has been home to the Culture Club singer for almost 40 years.

The massive 5,453 sq ft property boasts

five bedrooms with their own dressing rooms, five bathrooms, a meditation room, cinema room and roof terrace.

Boy George, 61, who has sold 150million records worldwide including No1s Do You Really Want To Hurt Me and Karma Chameleon, bought the property in 1984.

It features a tower, grand staircase,

Council boss in hot water following

vaulted ceilings and huge bay windows. The singer, who also enjoyed success as a DJ, gave the home a major facelift with the design spearheaded by Dragons' Den star Kelly Hoppen.

The mansion, which was built in 1868, was owned by comedian Marty Feldman in the 1960s.

The affluent area is also home to singer Sam Smith, Oasis star Liam Gallagher and actor Jude Law.

#### By Andrew Levy

MOST people were cut off from friends, family and colleagues in lockdown – but not council leader Tom Hollis, who welcomed a stream of visitors as he held meetings in his garden hot tub.

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ings in his garden hot tub.

He is said to have played music at the council get-togethers, allegedly held from morning into the evening with varying numbers of people.

Neighbour Shannon Jones-Golding became so concerned that she alerted police – only to be told that, as a key worker, Hollis had not broken any rules. However, magistrates heard that after the officers visited Hollis's house in Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, Hollis began 'intimidating' the mother-of-two and her part-

ner, Luke Golding.
Hollis, 28, an independent member of Ashfield District Council, of which he is deputy leader, is said to have told her: 'I know it was you

who made that anonymous call to the police. I heard your voice. I

have contacts in the police.'

He added he 'made the rules',
saying she would be 'done for harassment of a key worker', Notting-

ham Magistrates' Court heard.
Two weeks later, Hollis accused
his neighbours of breaching lockdown rules when Mr Golding's

father fixed a bike in their garden. The councillor is said to have filmed over the fence and called Mr Golding a 'paedophile', before making a 999 call in which he allegedly 'screamed' that he was being threatened with a carving knife.

Police who responded dismissed the claim after seeing footage taken by Mrs Jones-Golding. Hollis is also accused of sending the couple 'malicious emails' and messages on council-headed letters signed 'deputy leader'. They claim this amounts to intimidation.

Errol Ballentyne, defending, said Mrs Jones-Golding was carrying out a 'vendetta'. Hollis denies two counts of harassment without violence. The case continues.

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# The doctor MUST see you now, orders Health Secretary

Coffey wants GP appointments within two weeks ++ League tables for all practices ++ But medics ask: Can she really deliver?

By **Shaun Wooller** Health Correspondent

GPS must offer same day appointments to their sickest patients or face being named and shamed in league tables, Therese Coffey will say today.

The Health Secretary will vow to put a 'laser-like focus' on patient needs as she unveils plans to improve access to family doctors.

She will demand GPs see non-urgent cases within two weeks and publish waiting times at individual practices for the first time.

This will let patients compare their GP's performance with others nearby and potentially move to one offering a faster service.

Ministers have previously made a string of pledges to improve access to GPs but with many patients still struggling to get appointments, there may be scepticism over whether the new plans will make a genuine difference.

The Royal College of GPs said last night Miss Coffey had failed to consult it on the changes, which it warned would add to doctors' workload and have a 'minimal impact' on patient care.

The Health Secretary will present her 'Plan for Patients' to the Commons, detailing a drive to avert an NHS winter crisis. It will include new telephone systems to make it easier to get through to receptionists and keep callers updated of their place in the queue.

The changes are aimed at easing the 8am scramble for



Pledge: Therese Coffey

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appointments and ending the frustration of constant more medicinengaged tones or being left hanging on the line.

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It comes as public satisfaction with GPs is at an all-time low and waiting lists for hospital care are at a record high of 6.8million.

Almost one in seven GP appointments made in England in August – a total of

#### 'There just aren't enough doctors'

3.9million – occurred at least two weeks after they were booked, official figures show.

Miss Coffey will also change funding rules so practices can recruit extra staff, allowing GPs to focus on care and freeing up 1million extra appointments a year. And pharmacies will be empowered to manage more medicines without a prescription, which could free up an additional 2million GP consultations.

Miss Coffey is expected to tell MPs: 'I will put a laser-like focus on the needs of patients, making their priorities my priorities and being a champion for them on the issues that affect them most.

'Our Plan for Patients will make it easier to get a general practice appointment and we will work tirelessly to deliver that, alongside supporting our hardworking GP teams.'

The plan will call on the public to take part in a 'national endeavour' to support the health and social care system, urging the 1 million volunteers who came forward to support the NHS during the pandemic to do so again.

Louise Ansari, of the watch-

dog Healthwatch England, said improving access to GPs would help reduce the number of patients turning up at A&Es, adding: 'Bringing in more support staff and improving phone lines will provide much-needed reinforcements for GP surgeries.'

But Professor Martin Marshall, of the Royal College of GPs, said: 'Lumbering a struggling service with more expectations, without a plan as to how to deliver them, will... add to the intense workload and workforce pressures GPs and our teams are facing, whilst having minimal impact on the care our patients receive.'

He objected to the publication of waiting time 'league tables', saying GP practices

#### 'Comparing apples with pears'

tailored services to serve 'different patient demographics'.

He added: 'Introducing arbitrary performance rankings compares apples with pears and will... work against and demoralise those working in practices that "rank" lower.'

Helen Buckingham, of the Nuffield Trust think-tank, said that even if the plan freed up some time for GPs, it risked 'simply proliferating ways for patients to find out the ugly truth of general practice – there just aren't enough doctors to go around'.

Amanda Pritchard, chief executive of NHS England, said: 'We will work with the Government so we can support NHS staff to deliver these new ambitions for patients.'

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#### By Kate Pickles

Health Correspondent

BREAST cancer surgery guidelines are leaving thousands of women at risk of cancer returning, a major review has found.

Around one in five women who undergo treatment to remove tumours are having insufficient breast tissue removed, researchers say.

This leaves them with a much higher chance of cancer recurring in the breast or elsewhere, making it incurable. Breast cancer is the second most deadly cancer for women, causing 11,400 deaths a year.

Experts said the focus has wrongly become about the cosmetic outcome of surgery, with an overreliance on drug breakthroughs and radiotherapy to mop up any remaining cancerous cells.

But they believe thousands of lives

## Flawed breast cancer ops 'risk disease returning'

could be saved if between one and two millimetres of healthy surrounding the tissue was removed with the tumour.

In the biggest analysis of its kind, researchers from the University of Manchester compared the outcomes of 68 studies involving 112,140 patients.

The chances the rate of recurrence of a tumour elsewhere in the body was 25.4 per cent in patients who had cancerous tissue at the edge of what was removed.

But that figure fell to 8.4 per cent for those who had up to 2mm of health tissue removed as well and 7.4 per cent for patients with a clearance of 2mm or

more, according to the findings, published in the British Medical Journal.

Cases of cancer returning in the breast – making it four times more likely to die from breast cancer – stood at 8.8 per cent for those with less than 1mm of healthy tissue removed and just 3.9 per cent for more than 1mm.

Professor Nigel Bundred, who led the study, said guidelines needed changing. He said: 'You have to do the surgery right in the first place... Some patients are being left with a tumour left in the breast and the assumption is that chemotherapy and radiotherapy will compensate.'

#### By **Jim Norton**

**Technology Editor** 

MOLLY Russell spent her last moments online looking for material about depression, an

inquest heard yesterday.
The 14-year-old schoolgirl, who was exposed to the 'bleakest of worlds' on the internet, took her own life shortly

after a post in 2017.

But five years on, her father Ian Russell said children were 'still in danger' on social media platforms as he accused them of not doing enough to combat the problem.

Giving evidence, he said the sites' business model had 'no regard for safety' – with young users unable to 'escape' algorithms that continued to promote harmful content.

Mr Russell said his daughter grew up 'full of love and hope and happiness', but she became increasingly withdrawn and spent more time alone in her room.

He told how she had been fallen into an online 'ghetto' that normalised self-harm, depression and suicide content.
The inquest heard that the last interac-

tion Molly had online before her death on November 21, 2017 was on Instagram at 12.43am.

She saved a post that said: 'The worst thing depression did to me was take my intelligence. Feeling yourself getting dumber and dumber is absolutely painful'. The family's lawyer, Oliver Sanders KC, said that 'within an hour or two hours she was dead'.

The inquest heard how her mother Janet found her daughter's body on the morning of her death. Mr Russell gave her CPR before paramedics arrived, but they pronounced her dead.

The two-week inquest at North London

#### 'Clearly promoting depressing content'

Coroner's Court will look into how algorithms used by social media giants keep users hooked and may have contributed to the teenager's death.

Executives from Meta, which owns Instagram, and from image-sharing platform Pinterest are being flown in this

week to give evidence. On the first day of evidence, the court was given an insight into the online world Molly was accessing every day as she struggled with anxiety and depression.

Her father said: 'It's just the bleakest of worlds. It's a ghetto of the online world that once you fall into it, the algorithm means you can't escape it and keeps recommending more content.

Molly, from Harrow, north-west London, was said to have followed more than 40 accounts that 'were connected, in some way, to anxiety, depression, self harm or suicide' and ten similar accounts that followed her.

Her parents were 'shocked how hideous, graphic, harmful it was' - particularly given that the minimum age limit for users was 13.

On YouTube, there was a 'similar high number of disturbing posts concerning anxiety, depression, self-harm and suicide', the court heard.

The schoolgirl was an 'avid fan' of US YouTuber Salice Rose, who has 15million subscribers and speaks openly about her attempted suicide and depression.

Mr Russell said that even after Molly's death she had continued to receive emails from Pinterest on the family computer - that were 'clearly promoting depress-

ing content'. He said that despite the highprofile of Molly's case, tech platforms were still not doing enough 'Molly was full of love, hope and happiness ... but she was trapped by the online ghetto normalising self-harm and suicide'

Father's arim words at inquest



Tragedy: Molly Russell

Left, her father lan, flanked by mother Janet and Molly's sister, arrive at the inquest

you on the sofa'. But the family noticed a change in her behaviour during the last 12 months of her life, as she became 'more withdrawn and spent an increased amount of time alone in her room'.

But she still happily contributed to family life, he said, and they tal health and hiding her struggles assumed it was 'just a reflection of normal teenage mood swings' and tled her demons in the hope of

of love and hope and happiness, a

young person full of promise and

Mr Russell described how Molly

had been an 'easy going young

girl' who was 'always the one who

could be relied on to snuggle up to

opportunity and potential.'

#### 'Hiding her struggles from us'

were not 'overly concerned'. The court heard how Molly had received emails from Pinterest with the headings '18 depression pins you might like' and 'new ideas for you in depression'.

Mr Sanders said the posts saved by Molly on Pinterest were 'romanticising self-harm' and were something for people to 'keep to themselves'. Mr Russell responded: 'This is just a fraction of what Molly was seeing on a daily basis.'

The process on social media was one of 'normalisation' in which users were encouraged to feel as though they could 'join their club', Mr Russell said. 'It is a place of discouraging getting help and encouraging further self-harm,' he added. The inquest continues.

'Sadly, as recently as August this year, I have seen similarly horrific content on the platforms particularly on Instagram. 'So whatever steps have been

[users are] not protected enough. Young people are still in danger.' A year before she took her own life, Molly set up a secret Twitter account. Though she spent much less time on it than other plat-

forms, it gives an insight into her

taken, it's apparent to me that

deteriorating mental health and cries for help. Her father only discovered the account after her death. He believes the handle 'Idfc nomore' stands for 'I don't f\*\*\*\*\* care no more'.

In a moving tribute to his daughter, Mr Russell told the hearing: 'Five years ago, the Russell family life was unremarkable.

'Yet imperceptibly our adorable youngest family member, Molly, had been struggling with her men-

> m @idfc nomore Jul 19, 2017

Everyone is better

live without me

m @idfc nomore Oct 15, 2017

from the rest of us while she bat-

'As Molly's feeling of worthless-

ness grew and her sense of help-

lessness deepened, ending her life

seemed to her like a solution, while

to us her life seemed very normal.

events that led Molly to end her

life. It's all too easy to forget the

person she really was: someone full

'It's all too easy to dwell on the

finding peace.

@jk rowling my mind has been full of suicidal thoughts for a while but reading Harry Potter and the world you created

to combat the problem. He said: HER DARK **DESPAIR IN ONE BLEAK MESSAGE** AFTER ANOTHER

m @idfc nomore (retweeted) Dec 27, 2016

'I'm so tired of feeling unwanted and helpless. Even with friends surrounding me, I feel like an outcast.

m @idfc nomore Feb 4, 2017

I don't need to be saved, I need to be found'

Just because someone's parents are together, someone has a nice house, has nice clothes, isn't poor, eats every day and has a loving family doesn't mean they can't be depressed, have anxiety, an eating disorder self harm issues, or any other problems. THIS. I WISH I COULD EMPHASIZE THIS SO HARD.

Mental disorders don't care

about your situation in life

off without me... So can my family, I'm irrelevant and annoying so... My friends can

I don't fit in this world

is my escape

## Britons saved from



Crisis talks: Liz Truss with Joe Biden in New York last night. They discussed Vladimir Putin's escalation of the Ukraine war

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by sending even more reservists to a terrible fate. He is desperately trying to claim the mantle of democracy for a regime without human rights or freedoms.

'And he is making yet more bogus claims

and sabre-rattling threats.

"This will not work. The international alliance is strong – Ukraine is strong.'

Miss Truss, who has held talks in New York with Volodymyr Zelensky's wife Olena, said Ukrainians were 'not just defending their own country - they are defending our values and the security of the whole world. That's why we must act'.

President Biden condemned Putin's threat to deploy his nuclear arsenal following a series of military setbacks.

'A nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought,' he told the UN general assembly. 'We will stand in solidarity against Russia's aggression, period.'

He said Russia had 'shamelessly violated the core tenets' of the UN with a 'brutal, needless war' and its alleged war crimes 'should make your blood run cold'.

The unprecedented warnings came as: ■ Russia released five captured Britons in a deal brokered by Saudi Arabia, including two former soldiers sentenced to death;

■ Protests sprang up in Russian cities at the decision to mobilise 300,000 reservists; Queues formed at the border with Finland and air tickets sold out as potential conscripts tried to flee;

■ Nato chief Jens Stoltenberg warned that any use of nuclear weapons would have 'unprecedented consequences for Russia';

■ Foreign Secretary James Cleverly prepared to confront his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov with evidence that Moscow plans sham referendums in Ukraine's breakaway republics;

■ Miss Truss pledged to give Ukraine at least £2.3billion in military aid next year the same as promised this year.

Putin's invasion of Ukraine, which was supposed to be over in three days, has been hit with a string of disasters.

These culminated with Ukrainian forces recapturing more than 1,000 square miles of territory this month.

In his rambling speech yesterday, Putin accused Western powers of 'trying to tear

were 'using the Ukrainian people as cannon fodder'. 'If the territorial integrity of our country is threatened, we will absolutely use all available means to protect Russia and our people. We are not bluffing,' he said during a 20-minute tirade.

'Those who try to blackmail us with nuclear weapons should know that the prevailing winds can turn in their direction.'

The 69-year-old leader did not say whether Moscow would use shorter-range, tactical nuclear weapons on the battlefield, or the long-distance strategic warheads that can destroy entire cities.

His pre-recorded comments are his most overt threat since the illegal invasion of Ukraine began nearly seven months ago.

A diplomatic source said there were growing fears that Putin could follow through on his threat to use nuclear weapons. 'We take this threat very seriously in terms of pure defence, but also as another example of Putin flouting international agreements,'

#### 'We must now fight to defend our ideals'

the source said. 'The threat either of using tactical nuclear weapons, which would be tragic, or using bigger nuclear weapons is very real.'

The source said the bellicose language from the Kremlin suggested Putin was becoming increasingly desperate, adding: 'We are not going to engage in a battle of words about a nuclear threat from a man who postponed his speech last night, was shaking when he delivered it, and is now attempting to mobilise reservists who are attempting to get to airports across Russia. His lies are catching up with him.'

Vladislav Davidzon, a Russia expert at the Atlantic Council think-tank, described Putin's speech as an 'act of rage'.

'Threatening to use atomic weapons looks like an extremely reckless gamble,

apart and destroy Russia' and claimed they but it is far from certain whether Putin would go ahead with it,' he added. 'If you have to tell your enemies you are not bluffing, it probably means that you are.'

> Putin yesterday signed a decree for an immediate 'partial mobilisation', giving his defence minister Sergei Shoigu the power to draft in 300,000 conscripts.

> It is the first mobilisation in Russia since the Second World War and draws from the country's vast military reserves of around 25million people.

> The move follows a draft bill approved by Russian MPs to increase punishments for wartime offences such as desertion.

> The presidential order also forces army contracts to be extended automatically until the end of the mobilisation period, effectively indefinitely.

> Putin's speech signalled that he plans to immediately recognise the results of sham votes set to take place in the occupied Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk and Zaporizhzhia regions of Ukraine from Friday.

> Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky told Germany's Bild tabloid yesterday that Putin wanted 'to drown Ukraine in blood, but also in the blood of his own soldiers'.

> 'I don't believe that he will use these weapons, I don't believe that the world will allow him to use these weapons,' he said, warning the West against giving in to those threats.

> 'Tomorrow, Putin can say as well as Ukraine, we want part of Poland, otherwise we will use atomic weapons. We cannot make these compromises.

> Defence Secretary Ben Wallace branded the Kremlin's move as an admission that Putin's invasion was failing.

> He added: 'He and his defence minister have sent tens of thousands of their own citizens to their deaths, ill equipped and badly led. No amount of threats and propaganda can hide the fact that Ukraine is winning this war.'

> The Prime Minister reminded her fellow leaders that the Queen had used her own address to the UN in 1956 to warn the world that it was 'vital not only to have strong ideals but also to have the political will to deliver on them'.

> She added: 'Now we must show that will. We must fight to defend those ideals.

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#### Hero of steel plant siege among five PoWs freed after Saudi diplomacy

By Mark Nicol and Richard Marsden

FIVE British prisoners held by Russian separatists in Ukraine

were released yesterday.

The men, who were facing execution by firing squad, were among ten international captives freed suddenly.

Following a behind-the-scenes diplomatic intervention, the Britons – accompanied by

two Americans, a Swede, a Croat and a Moroccan - were flown from Russia to Saudi Arabia.

The Gulf state's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman was said to have played a key role in securing their release.

Prime Minister Liz Truss confirmed their freedom last night, adding: 'Hugely welcome news that five British nationals held by Russian-backed proxies in eastern Ukraine are being safely returned, ending months of uncertainty and suffering for them and their families.

'Russia must end the ruthless exploitation of prisoners of war and civilian detain-

ees for political ends.'

The released Britons included Aiden Aslin, a former care worker from Newark, Nottinghamshire. The identities of the four other UK citizens were not officially confirmed last night, but they are understood to be Shaun Pinner, John Harding, Dylan Healy and Andrew Hill. Cassandra Pinner,

#### 'They are coming home tomorrow'

the sister of Shaun Pinner, said he was among the five being freed, and they were due home tomorrow.

She said: 'It is good news. Aiden is with Shaun. They are coming home tomorrow.'

Last night Mr Aslin's grandmother Pamela Hall said: 'We're so emotional and over the moon.' However, she added that the family would only really believe the news when Mr Aslin was safely home.

Mr Aslin was captured by Russian forces in the besieged city of Mariupol in April.

He was among the last Ukrainian marines to put down their weapons after months of Russian bombardment of the city's Azov steelworks.

Mr Aslin, who had fought against Islamic State in Syria, was sentenced to death in June by a Russian proxy court in eastern Ukraine. Prosecutors accused him of 'mercenary activities' and 'terrorism'.

The court hearing in the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic was not recog-

nised internationally.

Footage from the courtroom showed Mr Aslin, his friend Mr Pinner, 48, from Watford, and a Moroccan volunteer, Brahim Saadoun, behind bars.

Video recordings of their interrogation by Russian troops appeared to indicate they had been badly beaten. Only weeks ago their predicament worsened significantly when Donetsk officials announced they

## Russian firing squad











to right, arriving in Saudi Arabia with other hostages last night former soldiers, having served in

and John Harding, circled left

the Grenadier Guards and the Royal Anglian Regiment respectively. They were also joint UK-Ukrainian citizens and had enlisted in the country's armed forces many months before Russia's invasion of eastern Ukraine in February.

As official prisoners of war rather than mercenaries, they were entitled to protection while in custody under the Geneva Convention. The two US citizens released are

understood to be Alexander Drueke, 39, and Andy Huynh, 27, according to reports.

The pair – both from Alabama – were captured while fighting alongside Ukrainian forces in June. Mr

#### 'Months of agonising uncertainty'

Saadoun, who was filmed with Mr Aslin and Mr Pinner in the Donetsk courtroom, may be the Moroccan fighter released yesterday.

Swedish officials confirmed the release of one of their citizens captured in Mariupol in June but did not name him.

Saudi Arabia's ministry of foreign affairs said the release of the prisoners was part of a wider prisoner exchange process between Russia and Ukraine.

A deal is being negotiated which would see 50 Ukrainians swapped for 200 Russians, including a close ally of Russia's president Putin, Viktor Medvedchuk.

Free at last: British hostages Shaun Pinner and Aiden Aslin, along with a third released prisoner of war giving a peace sign

were 'accelerating plans' for their executions for 'heinous crimes'. Reports indicated firing squads were being prepared.

Last night, Mr Aslin's local MP Robert Jenrick said: 'I am delighted Aiden Aslin and the other British prisoners of war held captive by the Russian authorities have finally been released and are on their way back to the UK.

'Aiden's return brings to an end months of agonising uncertainty for Aiden's loving family in Newark, who suffered every day of his sham trial but never lost hope.

'They are united as a family once more, they can finally be at peace.' He also praised Liz Truss, both as Prime Minister and in her former role as foreign secretary, for having 'raised the matter repeatedly with president Zelensky' and being 'exceptionally helpful'.

However, the deal to release the Britons came too late to save Paul Urey, 45, from Warrington, Cheshire, who died in captivity in July. He

had type 1 diabetes and required daily medication, but his supplies ran out.

Last night, Foreign Secretary James Cleverly remembered Mr Urey as he welcomed the release of the five prisoners, saying: 'This brings to an end many months of uncertainty and suffering, including the threat of the death penalty. for them and their families at the hands of Russia.

'Sadly that was not the case for one of those detained and our thoughts remain with the family of Paul Urey.' Last night Mr Urey's sister, Lynd-

sey Coulton, said: 'It's been a real mixed bag of emotions.

'I'm so, so happy for those let go and for their families too. 'But it was just too late for Paul.

If the prisoner swap had happened in April like it was supposed to he would still be here.

"This news won't bring Paul back, he'll still come home in a coffin.'

Mr Aslin and Mr Pinner were

## Russians revolt over Putin's war

Protests erupt over bid to draft 300,000

Police hold 800 in violent crackdown

Terrified civilians head for the border

By James Francy **Europe Correspondent** 

VLADIMIR Putin's move to draft 300,000 troops sparked panic and fury in Russia last night.

Some terrified Russians scrambled to leave the country while others took to the streets where they met a brutal response from riot police.

Hundreds demonstrated against Putin's plan to bulk up the military, with human rights monitoring groups saying that at least 800 were detained at rallies in 37 different cities.

'Thousands of Russian men - our fathers, brothers and husbands - will be thrown into the meat grinder of war,' said the Vesna anti-war coalition which called for protests. It came after Putin's announcement of a partial mobilisation in an address to the nation.

Protesters chanted 'life for our children' at a march in Moscow, as riot police violently dragged some of them away.

In St Petersburg, video footage distributed on social media showed officers wearing body armour pushing back a group of democrats.

Footage of rallies and their violent suppression also emerged from major centres including Perm, Tomsk, Yekaterin-

burg and Novosibirsk. In one clip, a male protester is hauled into detention in Novosibirsk after shouting at police and FSB officers at a rally: 'I am not going to die for Putin, or for you!' He told the armed officers: 'You know too well

everything is f\*\*\*\* up!' The man, apparently in his 20s,

#### 'I will surrender right away'

was loudly clapped by other protesters at the rare anti-war rally in Siberia's unofficial capital.

The rallies last night are by far the biggest challenge to the regime since marches against the start of the invasion were put down by riot police. Since then, the population has remained quiescent, with the Russian economy coping with Western sanctions better than was expected.

Alexei Navalny, Russia's most prominent opposition leader who is currently in prison, said Putin was sending 300,000 more Russians



Easy target: Putin's thugs grab a terrified woman in Moscow

 the country's first mobilisation since the Second World War - to their deaths.

'It is clear that the criminal war is getting worse, deepening, and Putin is trying to involve as many people as possible in this,' he said in a video message published by his lawyers. 'He wants to smear hundreds of thousands of people in this blood,' he added.

There was opposition on social media from ordinary Russians. One Twitter user wrote: 'I'm not going to go to war, go screw yourselves. Not only will I surrender right away, I'll also show you the way to the Kremlin.'

Russian prosecutors had warned that anyone attending a demonstration against the presidential decree could face up to 15 years in jail.

The country's compliant parliament, the Duma, passed draconian legislation earlier this year that prevents people spreading 'fake news' about the invasion of Ukraine.

This has meant that many Rus-

sians, unaware of scale of the failures in Ukraine and convinced that they are entirely the fault of the West, remain in favour of the war. The call-up stops short of full conscription, a move that would have risked damaging this support.

It also says nothing about a cap on numbers or about any exceptions, such as not recruiting students. Instead, it is left to regional heads to decide how to meet quotas. In theory, the net

#### 'The criminal war is getting worse'

could be cast far wider than the Kremlin intends.

Russian officials said it would be announced 'very soon' those who would be exempt from its partial mobilisation.

Meanwhile, one-way tickets to visa-free destinations such as Georgia, Turkey and Dubai were sold out for days, with prices sky-

rocketing as Russian men of fighting age looked for a way to dodge being called up. Internet search engine giant Google said that 'how to leave Russia' topped its mostsearched terms on Tuesday and

yesterday inside the country. Most European carriers have

axed their routes to Russia because of an EU flight embargo after Putin's unprovoked and illegal invasion.

But Turkish Airlines, which has kept its direct Moscow flight, reported that single one-way economy tickets were sold out until



Mob handed: Three officers surround a middle-aged woman



Fury: A young protester rages as he is hauled away by police

Daily Mail, Thursday, September 22, 2022



No escape: A demonstrator's face is frozen in fear as he tries to shake himself free from the grasp of Putin's heavily-armoured police in Moscow last night



Looking for a way out: Cars queue on the Russian side of the border with Finland, an EU state

Sunday with prices soaring to between £1,300 and £2,400. A spokesman for Turkey's flagship carrier said that it would lay on more flights if demand continued at this rate.

Although the Kremlin denied reports it was seeking to stop men of fighting age leaving the country,

reports that domestic airlines were being told to stop selling tickets to men between the ages of 18 and 65 swept the country.

Even avowed regime fanatics, such as Margarita Simonyan, editor of propaganda channel RT, were left confused by the mobilisation announcement. She said she

still did not know whether travel abroad for men would be 'restricted' or what the 'terms of service' would be for those men who are mobilised.

Those who could not get a seat on a plane crashed the website of the state Russian railway company as they looked for alternative routes out of the country to avoid being sent to Ukraine. Poland and the three Baltic

Poland and the three Baltic states – Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia – have banned Russians with visas for the EU's Schengen travel zone from entering their territory since the war started.

None of them has ruled out allowing Russians in on humanitarian grounds as political asylum seekers. But Latvian foreign minister Edgars Rinkevics said yesterday Riga will not offer refuge to any Russians who simply want to dodge Putin's draft.

It means Finland is the only land border where Russians can still cross into the EU with an ordinary tourist visa. Despite reports of lengthy queues at the Finnish border, authorities insisted there had been no unusual traffic.

A spokesman for Germany's foreign ministry said the government there could ease entry requirements for Russians who want to escape being called up to fight in Ukraine.

Scan this QR code to see more images from the Russian protests



#### **WAR IN UKRAINE**



HE doom-laden threats by Vladimir Putin in yesterday's grisly, early-morning TV broadcast will have sent shivers down many a spine.

The despot in the Kremlin, who commands the world's largest nuclear stockpile of nearly 6,000 warheads, has threatened the West with brutal retaliation for its continued support of Ukraine.

Or, as he put it, in his twisted narrative: 'If the territorial integrity of our country is threatened, we will use all available means to protect our people — this is not a bluff.'

It is easy to characterise this threat as the ramblings of a crazed madman. Still paranoid about catching Covid and worried about assassination attempts, Putin spends most of his time holed up in the Kremlin or one of his many palages.

his many palaces.

He surrounds himself with yes men who grovel as they deliver half-truths — or whatever they think their boss wants to hear. And when things go wrong, the hunt for scapegoats intensifies.

And things are really going

wrong now.

In bomb-ravaged Ukraine, Putin's troops are fast retreating, leaving behind evidence of horrendous war crimes.

While on the diplomatic stage, Russia is ever-more isolated, a pariah status highlighted by Putin's absence from this week's United Nations General Assembly in New York.

What this latest escalation does prove, however, is that Putin is never going to accept defeat. And the longer this failing war

continues, the angrier its architect will become.

But does the threat of Armageddon mean he's now fully lost his marbles? Or was yesterday's speech a carefully crafted warning to the West?

The answer is not clear-cut. Former German Chancellor

#### Fighting a losing battle

Angela Merkel once said of Putin that he lives 'in another world'. Personally, I find it easiest to think of him as a gangland boss.

Like any mafioso kingpin, he is keen to project a fearsome image. But that is not to say he is a raving lunatic. Rather, he simply sees things differently from the rest of us.

He has no interest in fair governance, for instance. Corruption is not a crime, but a political tool.

Abuse of power is how he rewards his friends and punishes his enemies. And facts only matter if they suit

his version of reality.
Indeed, Putin's justification
for the war in Ukraine has
always been based on a

My belief is that we're witnessing the end stage for Putin



By **Edward Lucas** 

central lie: that he is trying to liberate the country from neo-Nazi leadership.

Right now, Putin is desperate—as demonstrated by the 'partial mobilisation' of up to 300,000 military reservists announced yesterday by Russia's defence minister Sergei Shoigu.

But no amount of poorly trained soldiers will fix Russia's bedraggled army. Putin's military chiefs know this.

Like Hitler's generals 80 years ago, they see that their commander in chief, far from being the strategic genius he believes himself to be, is fighting a losing battle.

The 'war of words' represents the one battleground where Putin can still effectively flex his muscles.

But we have been here before. Putin first raised the spectre of nuclear holocaust at the start of the onslaught, six months ago. And though he is now desperate, he is not suicidal (not yet, at least).

And he surely knows that any nuclear strike, even on non-Nato Ukraine, would be disastrous for Russia, bringing no notable military benefit and triggering international outrage.

When it comes to brute force, the West as a collective is far bigger and far stronger than Russia. What's more, any such move would alienate Russia's biggest supporter, China, which has repeatedly warned against turning this war nuclear.

Putin must also question whether his hollow-eyed generals would actually follow his orders to take Russia into the nuclear abyss.

His hope then is that frightening rhetoric will panic the West into reducing their sup-

#### Increasingly cornered

port for Ukraine and helping to organise a ceasefire, a deal which might well include territorial concessions to Russia, allowing Putin to walk away the victor.

But, as Liz Truss has demonstrated this week in her pledge to meet or exceed the £2.3 billion spent so far in support for Ukraine in 2023, Britain is not going to blink. President Biden shows no sign of flinching either.

So could Putin, in one last hopeless tussle for control, hit the proverbial button? It's not totally unfeasible.

I believe, however, that we are witnessing end-stage Putin. Like any ageing mafia boss, he feels his power ebbing.

If history teaches us anything, it is that Russian dictators don't tend to die peacefully in their sleep.

For years Putin has written his country's national story, with himself as the lead character. But now a new chapter is looming — and it will be written by others.

Any new rulers would certainly find it easy to make Putin the scapegoat for the disastrous war in Ukraine. They could seek a ceasefire and hope that a war-weary world settles for an imperfect peace.

Of course, until he gets the tap on the shoulder or falls victim to a bloody Kremlin coup, the nuclear option remains a last-ditch deterrent for an increasingly cornered Putin.

But, in the end, even the threat to deploy the full might of Russia's arsenal won't save him from an inevitable, and self-inflicted, downfall.

# The good news is he can't start WW3 just by jabbing a red button



By **Mark Almond** 

'I am not bluffing,' he said, in relation to his threat to go nuclear. But is he? And does it automatically follow that Armageddon would unfold if Putin launched the first nuclear bombs the world has seen since 1945?

The good news is that Putin can't start World War III by simply jabbing a red button on his desk in the Kremlin. If he decides to launch an attack, the order has to go through at least three layers of checks put in place to prevent the accidental or unauthorised launch of nuclear missiles.

Before reaching the nuclear silos, mobile launch sites and submarines, his command would go via three men: Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu, Chief of Staff Valery Gerasimov and the head of the Russian nuclear rocket forces, Sergei Karakayev.

Even after travelling down this chain of command, the launches would not follow instantly.

Unless there has been a change in the standard protocols since Russia invaded Ukraine, there would be a 20-minute gap between each transmission from the 'nuclear football' [the Cheget] containing the codes required to transmit the launch order and targeting information, to allow the nuclear troops to verify that it is genuinely authorised.

These safeguards are vital given the size of Russia's nuclear stockpile. It is estimated to be 5,977 nuclear warheads — the world's largest — mainly stored in 12 depots across Russia. Of these, 1,500 are thought

to be ready to be launched.

EFORE the Ukraine war, Putin boasted that America's Star Wars missile defence system would be powerless to stop his new hypersonic missiles. In practice, however, the weapons he is most likely to use are smaller tactical missiles capable of hitting neighbours such as Ukraine or nearby Nato states.

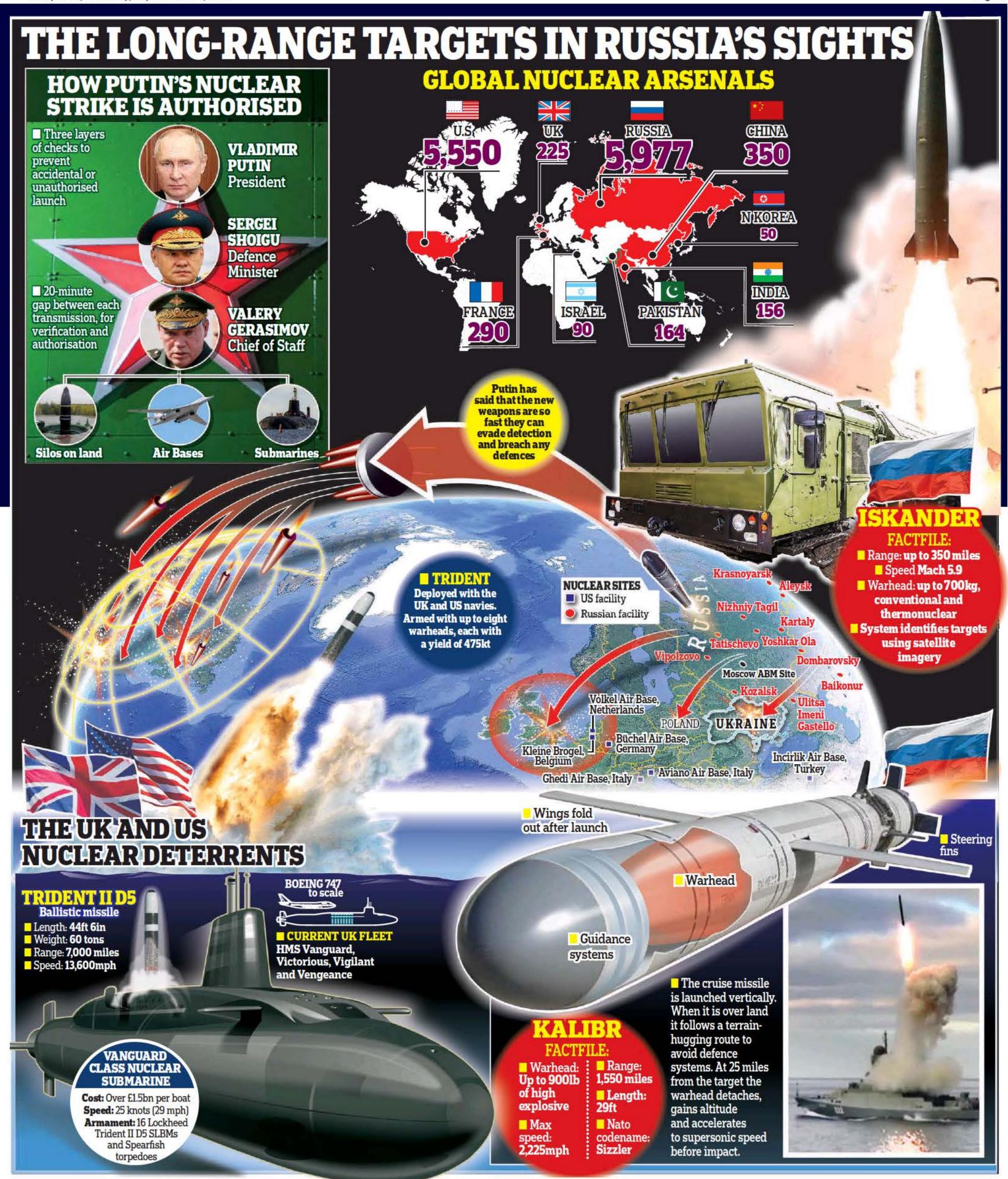
These are stored largely in 'European' Russia and the exclave of Kaliningrad, between Poland and Lithuania. Among them is the long-range cruise missile Kalibr, which could reach London. It is possible that Putin could surprise the West by using his shorter-range Iskander rockets to deliver missiles with an atomic warhead. If fired from a truck-mounted launcher in Russian territory, even the Iskander could hit Warsaw or Stockholm with a warhead eight times more destructive than the Hiroshima bomb.

Finally, Putin has his classic intercontinental ballistic missiles, based at silos in western Siberia. They could easily reach London or Washington.

What we don't know is if Russia's aged atomic warheads still work. While Russia has tested the missiles that would carry the nuclear warheads, testban treaties mean neither America nor Russia has actually detonated a nuclear weapon for decades.

Given the sophistication of our security services' eavesdropping capabilities, no Russian nuclear attack would come out of the blue. To launch thou-

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sands of missiles and bombers will require a blizzard of electronic orders and these would be intercepted by the West's spooks.

In addition, spy satellite images of the concrete and steel covers of the huge underground nuclear storage bunkers being pulled back, submarines putting to sea and Russian strategic bombers rolling out on to runways would all give us advance warning of an offensive. Indeed, it would be reasonable to assume that we in the West will have, if not

the ten-minute warning of popular cliche, perhaps up to an hour in which to prepare.

Not that there's much we could do to capitalise on this in terms of saving lives. Even if we had a network of underground bunkers in our towns and cities, the reality is that if the Government waited until there was clear evidence of a launch of missiles by Russia it would be too late for people to do

much about dispersing to places of safety. In the circumstances, any public warning is likely to achieve nothing more than mass panic. This is why Western governments have put their faith in nuclear deterrence rather than contingency plans and why I believe they are likely to continue to do the same, focusing their efforts on persuading Putin to pull back from the brink rather than on developing a public warning system.

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The worst-case scenario, of course, is that the unthinkable happens: swathes of the UK are destroyed, the population decimated,

the Government vaporised. Chilling as it is to imagine, plans have been made for that, too. Command of our Armed Forces would be devolved to Canada or America.

But unless Putin is suicidal, the threat of a devastating atomic strike-back should make anyone in the Kremlin think twice about attacking the UK, meaning mutiny among his inner circle would be entirely possible.

Nonetheless, we can't trust Putin's promises. We should take his threats seriously.

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### Reward in hunt for Olivia killer as gun is linked to crimes

By Liz Hull

A GUN linked to the murder of Olivia Pratt-Korbel was used in two other shootings, detectives said yesterday.

The revelation came as a £200,000 reward was offered to catch the killer of the nine-year-old.

Crimestoppers said the sum was double its previous record - offered following the murder of gangster John 'Goldfinger' Palmer in 2015.

Olivia's killer fired two guns and one was used in two non-fatal attacks in Liverpool - one of them just two weeks before her death.

Yesterday Merseyside Police pleaded with residents to 'tell us where the guns

are' and to help them take the 'toxic' killer off the streets.

Detective Chief Superintendent Mark Kameen said: 'Being involved with this gunman and anything to do with this horrendous murder will leave a stain on you for life. Your loyalty to this man is utterly misplaced and it will cost you.

"This man is utterly toxic to our communities. Nobody wants this man around them or where they live. Some people may tolerate him through fear, but even those people, given the choice, would want him locked away.

'There are people in our communities right now that





Weapon: The killer had a pistol like this Glock Victim: Olivia Pratt-Korbel

know where the weapons are. There is £200,000 available for information. Please tell us where those guns are.

'Tell us whose house they are in, what open land, whose gar-

#### **'Carrying out** an execution'

den they are in, whose responsible for moving them. Let us go and recover them so they can never be used again.'

Olivia was shot in the chest four weeks ago when the gunman, who was chasing convicted burglar and drug dealer

Joseph Nee, 35, burst into her home, in Dovecot, Liverpool, firing indiscriminately.

Her mother, Cheryl, 46, was hit in the wrist as she tried to shut her front door and the bullet also struck Olivia standing behind her.

hospital but could not be saved. Neither the gunman nor his target had any links to Olivia's family.

The youngster was taken to

Police have arrested nine people in connection with the attack on August 22 but no one has been charged.

Yesterday they revealed that one of their lines of inquiry

was that the gunman was a hitman sent to execute Nee. The National Ballistics Intelligence Service has identified his two weapons. The first, a .38 revolver was fired twice with one of the bullets killing Olivia. The second, a Glocktype self-loading 9mm pistol, was fired three times and had been used in two other shootings - one just a fortnight before the attack.

'The gunman brought two weapons with him, there is a real possibility that this was an assassination and that he was there to carry out an execution,' Mr Kameen said.

#### Fake news blamed for violence



Tensions: Police watch protesters at the Durga Bhawan temple in Smethwick, Birmingham, on Tuesday night

GROWING violence between Muslims and Hindus was blamed last night on 'fake news' shared on social media.

In the latest outbreak, fireworks and missiles were thrown at police when up to 200 masked men protested outside a Hindu temple in Smethwick, near Bir-

#### By Chris Brooke

mingham. It followed violent clashes in Leicester at the weekend, with protests reportedly planned in other cities over the coming days.

Police were warned in advance of the

demonstration in Smethwick on Tuesday evening and officers turned out in force to prevent any serious disorder. An 18year-old man was arrested for carrying a knife and West Midlands Police are investigating damage to cars in the area.

Police believe the clashes between groups of Asian men have in part been caused by false infor-

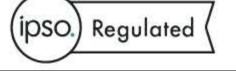
mation spread online. Rob Nixon, temporary chief constable of Leicestershire Police, said social media was being used to 'fuel anxiety', adding: 'There are significant things on there which are false.'

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Slipping in: Holly Willoughby waves as she and Phillip Schofield are seen at a non-public entrance to Westminster Hall. Their editor Martin Frizell waits at the door

By Katie Hind

Consultant Editor Showbusiness

ITV bosses have insisted that Holly Willoughby will not be sacked amid accusations she and Phillip Schofield jumped the queue to see the Queen lying in state.

Despite some chiefs at the channel being furious with the presenting duo's decision to use press accreditation to enter Westminster Hall, she was assured yesterday that she will remain This Morning's main anchor.

Miss Willoughby's representatives also told ITV that she would not be quitting despite being angry with them for not standing up for her sooner.

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It is understood that Schofield, who is yet to speak out on the controversy, will also stay put in the lucrative job despite

## Some high up at ITV are absolutely furious about it

more than 40,000 people signing a petition to axe the pair from the show after 13 years as a duo.

One source said: 'Conversations have been had between Holly, her team and

ITV, they want her to stay and she wants to stay. The same goes for Phil. Relations aren't great, Holly feels very hurt and bruised and there are some high up at ITV who are absolutely furious about this.

'They simply didn't think any of this had to happen. Holly and Phil did not have to go to Westminster Hall.

'Some terse words have been said and nobody is under any illusions that everything is fine. But all of that aside, both parties are insisting that it's business as usual.'

However, there are insiders at ITV who suggest Miss Willoughby may ride out the storm and when things quieten down, she could decide to move on

decide to move on.

The Daily Mail can also reveal that ITV's top executives were not aware of the trip until the pair were seen walking through Westminster Hall on the official televised feed last Friday.

Instead, the finger is being pointed at This Morning's veteran editor Martin Frizell for organising the visit for a segment broadcast on yesterday's show.

He was seen with Miss Willoughby and Schofield at the entrance of Westminster Hall but didn't go inside. In a picture that surfaced on Twitter yesterday he was seen Holly won't be sacked over queue jumping furore, say TV chiefs

## The King should pay tax on inheritance, say 2 in 3

NEARLY two-thirds of the public believe the King should pay tax on his private inheritance, a poll has found.

The Queen agreed to pay income and capital gains tax in 1993 - but 'sovereign-to-sovereign bequests' are exempt from inheritance tax.

Her Majesty's personal wealth was estimated at £370million, which would make the King liable for an inheritance tax bill – usually charged at 40 per cent above a £325,000 threshold – of

£148million. Now a survey by YouGov has found 63 per cent of the public believe he should pay inheritance tax.

In the poll, commissioned by campaign group Tax Justice UK, 16 per cent said the King should not pay inheritance tax, while

21 per cent did not know.

The monarch's overall wealth is estimated to be around £24billion, including property such as Buckingham Palace which belongs to him only in an official capacity.



'I've found a loophole to avoid paying inheritance tax'

smiling as he arrived at the venue ahead of the presenters. ITV and Frizell refused to deny

ITV and Frizell refused to deny that he authorised the trip, and that his boss Emma Gormley, the broadcaster's head of daytime, had no idea about the plan.

Frizell, 63, an experienced journalist and editor of This Morning since 2015, is a close ally of Schofield, and those working on This Morning say that he would 'take as many bullets has he had to for Phil'. An ITV employee added: 'Martin is a maverick type of editor, he is old school and very much runs his own ship.'

Yesterday Miss Willoughby, 41,

hosted This Morning yesterday alongside Schofield, 60, but those who know her say that she 'was not herself'. Sources also said she was 'furious' at reports she was to be sacked but not Schofield.

Insiders at ITV suggest that Schofield's management team, YMU, have advised that he

Not herself: Miss Willoughby presenting yesterday's show

remains silent on the matter, meaning Miss Willoughby has been 'thrown under the bus' over the situation.

The pair faced more humiliation yesterday when the London Dungeon launched a limited edition 'Holly and Phil fast-track pass' which is available until tomorrow.

ITV said: 'This Morning had press accreditation and like other media, Phillip and Holly were escorted to work from the press gallery by government staff. They did not file

past the Queen's coffin.

'They were there alongside a host of other broadcasters and national press outlets for an item that will be broadcast on Tuesday's show. Any allegations of improper behaviour are categorically untrue.'

## Bodybuilder, surfer, two teenagers... iust who are the Queen's perfect pallbearers?

AMONG the ten pallbearers at the Queen's state funeral were two teenagers. a bodybuilder and a keen surfer, it can be revealed.

Relatives and friends of the Grenadier Guards expressed immense pride last night after the young soldiers faultlessly carried out their duty in front of billions around the world.

They spoke as calls grew for the group of men to receive MBEs for their role in Her Majesty's funeral. The bearer party, from the Queen's Company, was led by Company

**By Lewis Pennock** and Mark Nicol

Sergeant Major Dean Jones, a married father-of-one who has served in the unit for 19 years.

He completed two tours each in Iraq and Afghanistan and will return to his duties imminently. CSM Jones led the team as they carried the Queen's 500lb, leadlined coffin into Westminster Abbey and later up the steep steps of St George's Chapel in Windsor.

Some of the guardsmen had been brought back from active service in Iraq just days earlier to

carry the coffin. The youngest members of the group were star ex-cadet Guardsman Fletcher Cox and Guardsman David Sanderson, both 19. Gdsm Cox was a cadet in his native Jersey, where he won the prestigious position of Lt-Governor's Cadet in 2018.

Peers have described him as 'a real underdog' who once said his 'sole ambition' was to become a guardsman and parade for the Queen. Gdsm Sanderson's father told the Daily Mail last night of his pride at his son's key role in a 'piece of history'.

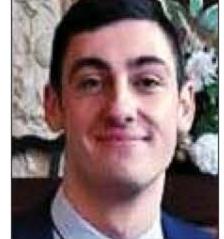
Peter Sanderson, 56, from Morpeth, Northumberland, said: 'It's

1 Sergeant Major **Dean Jones** 









3 Lance Corporal **Tony Flynn** 

an incredible weight on his shoulders, not just literally but figuratively. He's only 19 now but he joined the army at 16, his whole military career has been with the Grenadiers. He kept everything secret. It wasn't until we saw him in the press after a photographer took a picture of the rehearsals that it was confirmed.'

Lance Corporal Tony Flynn, 23, carried out his role in the funeral just a few months after he married his wife, Hayley, in May. The couple live together in Aldershot, Hampshire. Friends and relatives joined an outpouring of support for 'laid-back' LCpl Flynn for

'doing our whole family proud'. Second Lieutenant Freddie Hobbs, 24, from West Sussex, was positioned at the rear of the bearer party and gave the orders. The keen cricketer was one of those brought back from Iraq.

Guardsman Luke Simpson, 20, from Selston in Nottingham, was in the Army cadets as a teenager before joining the Queen's Company. His father, Mark Simpson, said: 'We had a tear watching, but they have all done us proud. It's been an honour to watch this and see them all doing their best for the country and the Crown.'

Selston Football Club said on







4 Lance Sergeant Elias Orlowski



5 Guardsman Fletcher Cox



6 Guardsman David Sanderson



7 Guardsman Luke Simpson



8 Lance Sergeant Ryan Griffiths



9 Guardsman James Patterson



10 2nd Lieutenant Freddie Hobbs

Facebook: 'Flawless under pressure with the whole world watching on. You have done your country, village, family and friends proud!'

Lance Sergeant Elias Orlowski, 26, was transferred from the London Guards to the Grenadiers and is understood to be a member of the regiment's ski team. He is also a dog-lover and has many tattoos.

Guardsman James Patterson is a bodybuilder who has shared several photos of his muscular physique online. He marched at the rear of the eight-strong bearer party as it was carried to St George's Chapel.

Lance Sergeant Ryan Griffiths, 28, has a young child with his partner and enjoys surfing in his spare time. Lance Sergeant Alex Turner, also 28, carried the coffin from the front as it was placed on the catafalque

#### 'Not an easy task, physically or mentally'

inside St George's Chapel. His mother, Debbie, often proudly shares photos of her son online, including one from June 2019 of LSgt Turner marching at Windsor Castle in his uniform and bearskin.

All of the troops have been ordered not to comment personally until the period of royal mourning ends on Monday, September 26.

SAS Gulf War hero Chris Ryan last night joined calls for the pallbearers

## Don't tell me - you're

'Don't tell me – you're another one who wants to be a pallbearer?'

to receive medals. Mr Ryan, who marched 190miles to safety after being captured by Iraqi troops, said: 'I support 100 per cent any campaign to ensure these young men are appropriately rewarded, such as with MBEs.

'This was not an easy task, physically, mentally or emotionally; the eyes of the world were upon them. They handled Her Majesty's coffin with the grace and composure she deserved after a lifetime of service.'

The call has been backed by the former head of the Army, Lord Dannat, and many MPs and celebrities.

#### All the presidents absent

ALL of the US's five living former presidents were invited to a service honouring the Queen at Washington National Cathedral yesterday – but none of them went.

Donald Trump, 76, Barack Obama, 61, George W. Bush, 76, Bill Clinton, 76, and Jimmy Carter, 97, were invited by the British Embassy. But a cathedral spokesman said 'none were able to attend'. Only President Joe Biden, 79, was invited to the Queen's funeral service at Westminster Abbey on Monday.

### 'No peace deal with the Royal Family' as Harry and Meghan fly home

By **Sam Greenhill** Chief Reporter

THE Duke and Duchess of Sussex did not strike a peace deal with the Royal Family during their stay in the UK after the Queen's death, it was claimed yesterday.

The duchess's friend Gayle King said there 'have been efforts on both sides to sort of make this right'.

But she made it clear no agreement has been reached with the King or Harry's brother William following the major rift after the Sussexes quit as front-line royals to live in America.

She was speaking as Harry and Meghan were last night reported to have flown back to California to be reunited with their children Archie, three, and one-year-old Lilibet after more than a fortnight apart.

US chat show host Miss King told American TV programme Extra: 'Big families always go through drama, always go through turmoil. It remains to be seen – are they going to be drawn closer together or are they going to be drawn apart?' Miss King, who was in London



Turmoil: Harry and Meghan

covering the Queen's funeral for US network CBS, is a friend of Meghan and Oprah Winfrey, who conducted a devastating interview with Harry and his wife last year.

The couple are thought to have had 'little interaction' with the

Royal Family behind the pomp and ceremony of the funeral and the mourning before it.

Many had hoped that the 12 days following the Queen's death would provide the royals with the perfect opportunity to patch up their differences.

But, if anything, the extraordinary sequence of events served only to highlight the detachment between the Sussexes and the rest of the Royal Family.

This is despite several rare displays of public unity between Harry and William as they grieved over the past week.

Meghan and Harry stayed at Frogmore Cottage on the evening of Monday's funeral, a few hundred yards from the Prince and Princess of Wales's Adelaide Cottage, both on the Windsor estate.

Sources close to the Sussexes have been quoted as saying: 'They have done everything as best they could. They have turned up, they have smiled, shaken hands, whatever was asked.'

Insiders have speculated that William is wary of speaking frankly to his brother in case their conversation ends up in the pages of the memoir Harry is preparing.

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#### West must stand up to Putin's nuclear threat

WHEN in trouble, tyrants cannot admit any weakness for fear it would undermine their authority and trigger the rapid downfall of their regime.

By planning to throw 300,000 Russian reservists into battle as cannon fodder, however, Vladimir Putin has given away the fact that he knows he is losing the war he hubristically started in Ukraine.

The despot's unhinged threat to launch nuclear weapons against the West for arming Ukraine's heroic resistance also reveals his humiliation at the failed invasion. 'I'm not bluffing,' he snarled in a rambling speech.

This military debacle has killed Putin's credibility, along with his reputation as a master strategist - not to mention the countless young men sent to wage what was supposed to be a swift war.

True, the reservists will bolster Russia's depleted and demoralised forces. But they'll need extra training and weapons, and won't relish the prospect of spending a cold winter facing slaughter. And for what? To satisfy Putin's pride.

The Ukrainians, on the other hand, are well armed and confident after inflicting a series of crushing defeats. And they have powerful motivations to fight to the death: Their country, families and friends.

The more Russian soldiers return home in coffins, the more obvious Putin's folly will become to his people. Perhaps then they will rise against the Kremlin.

Of course, the West must take seriously his threat of a nuclear strike. While highly unlikely he would press the button, it's not impossible. Who knows what the deranged dictator might do in desperation?

There is, however, no alternative for the democratic world but to stand firm in the

face of his sabre-rattling.

Liz Truss is right to promise that Britain will next year at least match the £2.3billion it has already committed to Ukraine's war effort. All our Nato allies must show similar resolve to the Prime Minister. After Ukraine's recent stunning battlefield successes, it is vital they help this courageous nation by sending more and better weapons.

That is the best way to hasten the end of the bloody conflict - and bring about Putin's much-deserved demise.

#### A diagnosis for GPs?

ONCE upon a time, a sick patient getting an immediate appointment with their family doctor would have been utterly unremarkable. Today, it is practically a cause for celebration.

So the Mail welcomes Health Secretary Therese Coffey's ambitious blueprint to halt the scandalous decline in the number of people able to see a GP in person.

She will demand non-urgent cases are seen within two weeks. Practices that fail to deliver will be named and shamed.

In return, surgeries will get help reducing red tape – freeing up more time for patients. It is imperative these initiatives are delivered. But frustratingly often, they

never come to fruition. Patients desperately need tangible solutions to the sickness affecting primary care. Not just more ministerial hot air.

#### **Energising business**

WITH its roots in traditional Toryism, this newspaper would normally balk at government bailouts for private firms.

But we applaud Business Secretary Jacob Rees-Mogg for putting together a huge support package to help companies struggling to pay energy bills which have spiralled after Russia's war in Ukraine.

If radical action had not been taken, many profitable businesses would have gone to the wall, throwing countless workers on to the dole - bumping up the benefits bill and hitting the public finances harder.

By surviving, they can benefit from Miss Truss's bold tax-cutting agenda – and help turbocharge Britain's economic recovery.

## Failures that have led to toxic feuds from faraway lands bringing violence to Britain's streets

REAT Britain has become used to occasional flashes of public disorder and even rioting

in recent years.

But seeing a 200-strong mob of masked Muslim men surrounding a Hindu temple in Smethwick, near Birmingham, this week was more than shocking — it was terrifying.

As the group screamed 'Allahu Akbar!' outside the sacred site, dozens of police in riot gear struggled to keep order. Bottles and fireworks were thrown and at least one knife-carrying man was arrested.

This was only the most recent clash in the Midlands between hardline Hindus and Muslims.

Leicester, some 50 miles from Smethwick, has witnessed similar violence over the past month or so, with gangs of Muslim men attacking Hinduowned property; mobs of Hindu men carrying weapons and chanting in the streets; and even unconfirmed reports of a Muslim man burning a Hindu flag.

#### Poison

At least 25 officers and a police dog were injured in violent clashes in Leicester

last weekend.

What on earth is going on? The violence seems to have been sparked following a cricket match in August between India and Pakistan in Dubai, after which India fans gathered in Leicester screaming 'Pakistan Murdabad!' ('Death to Pakistan!')

The clashes have continued throughout September, and some 47 people have now been arrested in Leicester.

That city was once held up as a paragon of social cohesion, a model for British multiculturalism. But cracks are beginning to appear in this cheery narrative.

Indeed, the situation there is now extremely serious, and could prove deadly soon.

I'm of Bangladeshi Muslim origin, so I know very well how deeply migrants and their immediate successors have enriched British life — and how people of all faiths and none can thrive in this country.

Britain remains the world's most successful example of a multi-ethnic, religiously diverse



#### by Dr Rakib Ehsan

democracy, and we should all be proud of that. But the harmony between different communities must be nurtured,

or it risks crumbling away.
For years — including for my
PhD — I have studied the best means of helping people from ethnic minorities integrate into British life.

My current research is even more timely: I am examining the ideologies that threaten cohesion in Britain, including home-grown extremism and foreign-inspired sectarianism.

Both of these, sadly, appear to have been on ugly display in Leicester and Smethwick.

The fact is that ultra-religious identity politics — not to mention political grievances on the other side of the world have gained a foothold in British cities, with increasingly alarming results. Unless we take drastic action to staunch this poison, it will spread.

In Luton, where I grew up, such tensions are never far from the surface. Back in 2009, I watched as angry scenes flared during a parade for the Royal Anglian Regiment.

These soldiers, who had gallantly served in Iraq, were branded the 'butchers of Basra' by an angry crowd of largely Muslim young men.

The far-Right English Defence League (EDL) was formed in the aftermath of these unpleasant scenes: for a time, it seemed as if my beloved Luton might spiral out of control.

Order was eventually restored there, thank goodness. But the question now is: why have political differences that fester thousands of miles away erupted into violence in Britain?

There is no doubt that, as police have warned, fake news on social media is playing a crucial part — with claims of 'hate incidents' used to whip people up into a state of fury on both sides.

Hindutva (extremist Hindu) and Islamist activists are believed to have been travelling from across Britain to inflame tensions in Leicester, spurred by lurid claims that they have read online. Indeed, at Smethwick, one masked Muslim demonstrator said his group was targeting Hindu nationalists that he alleged were travelling across Britain looking for trouble.

'If you come in, you're going to get met by us every single time,' he said. 'So if you are coming to Birmingham, Leicester, Nottingham, London, just give us a time and a place and we're there.'

But the internet is only part of the story. The roots of this problem also lie in a failure of leadership from both national and local politicians.

Councillors should properly focus on the bread-and-butter issues that matter to us all: the cost of living, employment, education and healthcare.

Instead, in some British towns with large immigrant populations, councillors and community leaders increasingly focus on issues far beyond our shores — the longstanding tensions between India and Pakistan over the disputed Kashmir region, for example, or the overt Hindu nationalism of Indian prime minister Narendra Modi.

#### Lamentable

During the last local elections, representatives of the so-called 'Overseas Friends' of the BJP, India's ruling party, visited community groups in Leicester and Slough, among others, and firmly told them how to vote.

They drove voters away from Labour and towards the Conservatives, owing to the latter's stance on the disputed region of Kashmir.

You and I could spend all day arguing whether India or Pakistan has the better claim to Kashmir. But the fact is that events there are a long way from Britain — where, perhaps, it matters just as much whether or not your bins are being collected on time.

The fact is that no one least of all the representatives of a foreign political party should be telling communities in Britain how to vote. To do

so undermines the integrity of our very democracy.

Worse, some British politicians have been actively partisan, fraternising with divisive organisations and wading into these inflammatory issues in a shameless bid to win votes.

The disgraced ex-Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, for example, has previously showered praise on the Islamic Human Rights Commission — a band of Iran-linked rogues - in a bid to garner votes from British Shia Muslims.

Fixing this lamentable state of affairs will require a radical overhaul of our current thinking. It must start with us acknowledging that British multiculturalism has failed on some of its own terms.

#### Petty

Yes, it has brought tremendous benefits to our economy and our civic life, and in exposing Britons to new cultures.

Yet, at times, it has also promoted the 'rights' of individual creeds and faiths emphasising the differences between cultures, that is, instead of urging all migrants to this country to respect hardwon British principles such as the rule of law, equality of opportunity and democracy.

This inclusive civic identity is a joyful thing — one that was poignantly illustrated by the way people of all ages and faiths came together to mourn our late Queen.

It is these values — and not petty cultural or tribal differences — that should be winning votes.

Regional police forces,

meanwhile, need to cooperate far better. In Leicester, the local constabulary has been illequipped to deal with an apparent influx of out-of-town agitators. The intelligence services also need to play their part.

Finally, and perhaps most crucially, post-Brexit Britain needs a more streamlined immigration and asylum system that places social cohesion and public security at its core.

Diversity *can* be a strength, but only if it goes hand-in-hand with an emphasis on shared values, our common obligations to one another and mutual respect. Without those, even the most apparently peaceable communities can unravel fast, as events in Leicester and Smethwick have shown.

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HE inner sanctum of elite chess has long been a place for the most staid and sober-minded - men and women whose crystalline intelligence and dauntless ability to remain calm under pressure are truly legendary.

Yet the game is currently in the grip of a bizarre scandal that threatens to trash this highbrow reputation for ever.

It all began two weeks ago, when teenage prodigy Hans Niemann shocked the chess world by defeating the greatest player in history, Magnus Carlsen, ending a 53-strong run of unbeaten games for the 31-year-old Norwegian.

Such was the upset, allegations of skulduggery immediately swirled against Niemann — especially as the youngster has admitted to cheating in the past.

The American grandmaster Hikaru Nakamura, for one, speculated that Carlsen believed Niemann 'probably is cheating'.

But how exactly could he have done so?

Rumours — outlandish rumours at that -

quickly emerged. Nowadays, computers can easily beat even the greatest human chess players: anyone with access to a mobile phone triumph against the world's greatest player time

after time. But given that there was no visible sign that Niemann was using a computer, it was claimed that the 19-year-old American might have a vibrating radio receiver

#### Youngster Hans has admitted to cheating in the past

inserted into his body to feed him the winning moves, perhaps by a form of Morse code.

Chess fan Elon Musk, the world's richest man, added fuel to the fire when he tweeted: 'It's in ur [your] butt,' implying that the teenager was sitting on an electronic device that could be telling him the moves necessary to win.

When former world champion Jose Capablanca wrote his definitive manual

Chess Fundamentals in 1921, that is probably not the 'fundament' he was thinking about.

The claim could be nonsense, of course. And yet it is hard to overstate the shock represented by the teenager's victory over Carlsen.

Though a pocket calculator could beat me at chess, I find this story fascinating because I love the game. One way I like to relax is by playing through games of bygone masters, such as Mikhail

Tal or Emanuel Lasker. I have dozens of volumes of classic games, including some of the greatest matches of the past 150 years. Playing through a game is like listening to a Chopin waltz: every move is precise and perfect, just as beautiful music is also mathematical.

At the top of the game, beyond these airy concerns, a lot of money is at stake: \$500,000 (£443,000) was up for grabs at Carlsen and Niemann's encounter at the Singuefield Cup in Missouri in the U.S. two weeks ago.

The Sinquefeld committee clearly took the cheating claims seriously: immediately after Niemann's victory, it brought in a raft of anti-cheating precautions, monitoring radio wave frequencies around the players and delaying online broadcasts of the moves by 15 minutes. And although the 'inserted device' is undoubtedly a lurid suggestion, many feel it is the only possible explanation.

Niemann, for his part, has

responded by offering to play more games naked, in a sealed room with 'electronic

by Christopher Stevens

Did a teenage

chess prodigy

beat the world's

greatest player

by using an

eye-watering

secret device?

signal scramblers'. So what's the truth? On Tuesday, the situation escalated when Carlsen furiously stormed out of an online match against Niemann. The Norwegian, playing black, made just a single move before resigning in protest — leaving Niemann looking baffled.

It was a move so sensational that some pundits suggested it would be like Roger Federer storming out of Centre Court after the first serve, with no explanation. 'Wow!

Speechless, ja?' gasped Hungarian commentator Peter Leko, himself a former prodigy once tipped to

be world champion. 'What? No!' spluttered fellow reporter Tania Sachdev, India's top female player. 'This is unprecedented, I just can't believe it. Carlsen just resigned... got up

and left, switched off his camera.' Two days later, and still no one fully understands what's going on - because Carlsen refuses to comment.

Intriguingly, he has not quit the current tournament — the Julius Baer Generation Cup — and continues to play his usual dazzling chess against other opponents. But it appears he will not deign to

play Niemann. But does he have any proof that the American is cheating — or is this simply sour grapes from a man widely regarded as the most

Cup in the U.S. this month

talented ever to rule the game of kings?

Niemann, a chubby-faced young man with unruly curls and a peach-fuzz beard, insists his initial win — bringing an end to a seven-month unbeaten run for Carlsen — was achieved by superb play and good preparation, aided by a couple of errors from the world champion.

Some grandmasters back his claim.

Anatoly Karpov, Russia's world champion during the 1970s and 1980s, said: 'I watched the game. I have to say that Carlsen just played extremely badly.

'I reject all versions of an unfair win. Carlsen showed a strange inability to cope.'

Professor Ken Regan, the world's leading authority on cheating in chess, announced on Tuesday that he has analysed all Niemann's games during the past two years and found no evidence of sharp practice.

On the other hand, those same games also contain little to suggest this comparative novice could suddenly become good enough to trounce the champion.

And many chess fans are convinced the teenager must have had computer assistance given his rather dodgy early record.

In 2015, aged 12, he entered an online tournament and won games with the secret assistance of a friend. Four years later, he did it again, this time with the help of a

Was he using a vibrating receiver to feed him the winning moves?

Check, mate? Magnus Carlsen (left) and Hans Niemann face each other at the Singuefield

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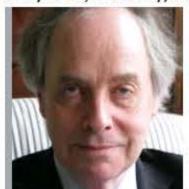
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## Stephen Glover

HEN the possibly deranged dictator of a barbaric regime threatens a nuclear strike against the West, it is wise to

take him seriously.
That is what Vladimir Putin said yesterday, while announcing the mobilisation of 300,000 reservists to help shore up Russia's flagging war in Ukraine.

Threats of nuclear retaliation against the West have been issued in the past by Soviet and Russian leaders but never — not even at the height of the Cold War — has there been one as explicit as this.

Putin declared: 'We will use all available means to protect Russia and our people — this is not a bluff... I shall stress — by all means available to us. Those trying to blackmail us with nuclear weapons should know that the tables can turn on them.'

In case there was any room for doubt, a former close adviser of Putin's, Sergei Markov, filled in some details on yesterday's Radio 4 Today programme when he warned that 'your cities will be targeted'.

This is what Markov said in his spine-chilling rant: 'If Great Britain will continue to be [the] aggressor against Russia... if Prime Minister Liz Truss still has a plan to destroy Russia, people in London should understand the threat [of nuclear weapons].'

Unhinged? Without any doubt. But it would be rash of our political leaders and of the general public to dismiss these outpourings as empty threats. I only wish that they were.

It's not the first time the Putin regime has spoken in such terms. Back in April, Sergei Lavrov, Putin's puppet foreign minister, warned that if Nato continued to provide military aid to Ukraine, there would be a 'considerable threat' of a nuclear conflict.

On that occasion, Boris Johnson was asked on TalkTV whether he

shared the concerns of some analysts about the possibility of nuclear war. He replied — unwisely, perhaps: 'No, I don't.'

AN anything be done to obviate the danger? The terrible answer is that I don't think it can. Putin may, or may not, be mad. But it is certain that he has given up all pretence that his regime adheres in the smallest degree to standards of decency and honesty.

Before the war began, I argued in these pages that Russia had something of a case inasmuch as there were undoubtedly ethnic Russians in eastern Ukraine who preferred to be ruled by Moscow than Kyiv. That argument, though correct at the time, is now ancient history.

For by invading Ukraine, and prosecuting the war in such a brutal way, Putin has established that he is both unbalanced and inhumane. Some of the war crimes committed by Russian soldiers stand comparison with the worst Nazi atrocities.

Putin has deliberately killed thousands of Ukrainian civilians, and forcibly deported thousands more to Russia. There is ample evidence of widespread torture and murder.

In a pine forest at the edge of Izyum in eastern Ukraine, which has recently been taken back from Russian hands, 445 graves have just been found, some containing more than one body. Many are said to be civilians, and there are women

I'm not an alarmist by nature, but I must admit Putin's rant has left me fearful...

and children among them. In some cases there is evidence of torture.

This is barbarism on an epic scale. It confirms, I believe, that Putin is beyond the pale of civilised behaviour. Moreover, a despot who can torture and murder innocent civilians may have no moral qualms about using nuclear weapons.

The truth is that we can't abandon Ukraine. We must continue to provide weapons to its armed forces — Britain is the second largest supplier of arms after the United States — because the country is engaged in a fight against an evil aggressor.

But there is more to it than that. If we had not supported Ukraine, Putin's forces would have also menaced the Baltic states and Poland, and potentially the rest of Eastern Europe. In helping Ukraine to defend itself we are defending ourselves.

So there is no easy answer to my question as to whether anything can be done to decrease the danger of a Russian nuclear attack. In these circumstances it would be both morally unthinkable, and also contrary to our interests, to forsake Ukraine.

We must be strong. That means increasing our defence expenditure as Liz Truss has undertaken to do, promising an almost 50 per cent rise by the end of the decade. But this, of course, is a slow process which won't yield instant improvements.

We can also place some faith in the traditional doctrine of

nuclear deterrence, which holds water if a potential adversary is essentially rational. I ardently hope, despite evidence to the contrary, that Vladimir Putin still is.

Although Russia has vastly more nuclear weapons than we do (the number of our warheads was rashly reduced by the Blair government), Britain still has the nuclear firepower to destroy Moscow and a large number of Russian cities.

Moreover, our closest ally, the United States, has a nuclear arsenal roughly equal in size to Russia's, and in terms of technical prowess it is probably far superior.

HESE are grim calculations, and I regret having to make them. My point is that in a rational world — and, despite everything, the Cold War played out in a rational world — Vladimir Putin wouldn't unleash a nuclear attack against Britain or any other western country.

But I am afraid we can't rule out the possibility, however distant, that he might — which is why we find ourselves in the greatest danger since the end of World War II.

Some experts believe that while it is unlikely that Putin would use nuclear weapons against any western country for fear of massive retaliation, he might employ so-called battlefield nuclear weapons (which are much more limited, and so less lethal,

in their effects) against Ukrainian troops.

Even that, though, would be a perilous step since the use of any nuclear weapons might quickly escalate. What would the United States do if Russia used battlefield nuclear weapons in Ukraine?

Here I hope to be forgiven for observing that the intellectually somewhat dicky 79-year-old Joe Biden doesn't appear the most dependable or best informed leader the free world has ever had. All that can be said is that, in this crisis, he is preferable to Donald Trump.

Our best bet may be that, as it becomes clearer to Russians that their country is losing the war in Ukraine, and thousands of Russian lives are being sacrificed, there will be a putsch against Putin before he does anything truly stupid. This, though, is beyond our control. And it might not happen.

I am not by nature an alarmist but I admit to feeling fearful. Rationality may well prevail. However, there are, alas, many examples in history — Hitler's doomed invasion of Russia in 1941 is a good one — of despots jettisoning all good sense.

We can only hope that our leaders—unlike Boris Johnson in April— are aware of the great dangers we face. I fear the British public hasn't yet woken up to them.

All our silly squabbles concerning strikes, and even our justified fears about the soaring price of energy, could quite soon seem utterly trivial in the light of an unthinkable — but not impossible — catastrophe.

#### Ephraim Hardcastle



ANXIOUS times for Andrew as King Charles takes control of the vast income from the Duchy of

Lancaster. This was the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow from which the Queen provided Andrew with an undisclosed annual sum – as well as providing him with help towards his legal fees and settlement with Virginia Giuffre. Whatever Charles decides on Andrew's future status, he is likely to be less generous with Duchy largesse. Might the disgraced prince settle for a small allowance as Keeper of the Corgis, the Queen's dogs that have been banished to live with Andrew at Royal Lodge?

SHOULD the Queen's pallbearers be gonged for their faultless stewardship of her final journey, they might raise a toast to Prince Philip. He made their job easier. When their predecessors carried Winston Churchill's half-ton coffin away from St Paul's, it was so heavy a pallbearer dislocated his shoulder. This distressed the Queen, who asked Philip to investigate how future state funeral caskets could be made lighter. As a result her own leadlined oak casket, at 500lb, was half the weight of Winston's.

GOOD news for Boris Johnson, bracing himself for Sky's Kenneth Branagh hatchet job This England on his Covid leadership. Producer Michael Winterbottom confirms details of the Partygate scandal, which unravelled Johnson's premiership, did not break until it was too late to include. And further glad tidings. It ends with bete noire Dominic Cummings' Barnard Castle trip to laughingly test his eyesight.

DIRECTING boyfriend Harry Styles in her film Don't Worry Darling, Olivia Wilde exploited his penchant for wearing gender-neutral clothes by giving him a ruffled apron for a kitchen scene. 'What do you think about wearing this?' The



actress, pictured, asked him. 'It's a practical thing to wipe your hands on. And it's also sending a message that this man isn't insecure about his masculinity and he is making himself equivalent to his wife.' Harry's response? 'Yeah, great.'

ROMAN Catholic comic Frank Skinner has his tongue firmly in his cheek, claiming he queued to see the relics of St Bernadette. 'There was a very nice queuing atmosphere. It wasn't that long. I queued for half an hour,' he says. 'What annoyed me is I saw Phil and Holly going in upfront, laminates on. Not even Catholics. Couldn't believe it. Just nosey!' Can the This Morning presenters ever live this down?

THE Queen's biographer AN Wilson is unimpressed with the £8million price tag on LS Lowry's matchstick men painting Going to the Match. 'I have never really taken to Lowry's signature works,' he says. In his biography Confessions, Wilson recalls spending an afternoon with Lowry at his Longdendale home. His verdict? 'He had an animal smell given off by people who had a bath once a week. The only place it lingers is in an Irish pub in Camden Town.'

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computer, and was banned from the leading chess website, Chess.com.

Nieman has made a public apology, saying that he was impatient to test himself against top players and tried cheating as a short-cut.

He has also said he wants to redeem himself by becoming a champion using talent alone.

'I cheated on random games on Chess.com. I was confronted. I confessed. And this is the single biggest mistake of my life,' he has said.

'I am completely ashamed... other than when I was 12 years old, I have never cheated in a tournament with prize money.'

That clearly doesn't satisfy Carlsen, though he has stopped short of making a direct accusation.

Instead, he tweeted a video

clip of football manager Jose Mourinho saying: 'If I speak, I am in big trouble.'

The fact that computers are now easily capable of defeating even the greatest human players makes life difficult for tournament organisers.

Ever since an IBM super-

#### If I speak, I am in big trouble'

computer called Deep Blue beat Russian genius Garry Kasparov by 3½ to 2½ games in 1997, experts have predicted the death of serious chess tournaments.

Organisers have brought in rigorous checks, even — at one Olympiad in India scanning players' heads with

electromagnetic wands, supposedly to ensure no one had hidden a radio receiver in a hollow tooth.

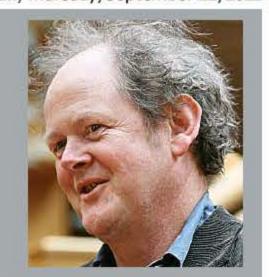
In 2019, the French grandmaster Sebastien Feller was given a six-month suspended prison sentence for his part in an elaborate chess fraud, with two accomplices exchanging computer data via phone text messages.

The same year, Latvian Igors Rausis was stripped of his grandmaster title and banned from tournaments for six years after he was caught with his phone in the toilet at a tournament in Strasbourg.

So cheating and chess have an uncomfortable history. The question now is: has Hans Niemann developed a truly bizarre new method of doing so?

Of one thing we can at least be sure. You wouldn't want to be the one who had to search him.

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## A laughing robot? Pull the other one

APANESE scientists are claiming to have developed a robot with a sense of humour.

Researchers at Kyoto University say they have programmed their robot, whose unlikely name is Erica, to a) detect laughter, b) decide whether or not to laugh, and c) choose the type of laughter—cackle, smirk, splutter or chuckle she considers appropriate.

I hate to pour cold water on Erica, but it doesn't sound as though she will ever be the life and soul of a party.

If she has to look left and right before deciding whether to laugh, and how to laugh, then she will always be one joke behind everyone else. Or — worse — she will

only start laughing after the general conversation has turned serious.

Sadly, it will be a long time before Erica finds she is invited to parties, though she could well be in demand as a member of the audience for the 6.30pm slot on Radio 4 — a role tailor-made for her dutiful instincts.

It's an old story. Every year or so, one scientist or another claims to have invented a robot with a sense of humour, but it comes to nothing.

Back in 2007, professors at the University of Cincinnati in Ohio claimed to have programmed a

robot to identify pun-based jokes. They explained that if a word did not seem to fit into its surrounding context, the robot would search a pronunciation guide for similar-sounding words. Once it found such a word, it would identify a pun, and commence laughing.

The professors said that they had told their robot this joke: Q: 'How was your trip to Helsinki?' A: 'Terrible, all our luggage vanished into Finn Air.'

The robot had then twigged that 'thin' and 'Finn' sounded close enough for Finn Air to be a pun, and this had triggered its laughter.

Fifteen years on, the Cincinnati robot has never been heard of again. But who knows? Perhaps he is earning a fruitful living as Liz Truss's gag-writer.

Laughter has many sources, but it generally springs from the unexpected, the unpredictable and the inappropriate.

Jokes play on our expectations, undermining cliches and common sense. This means that laughter is an outcry against the robotic,

which is why robots are continuing to make such heavy weather in acquiring a sense of humour.

Robots may be able to design buildings, drive cars or play chess, but they will never be able to understand jokes. This is because jokes are beyond logic, and lie at the heart of what it is to be human.

The late Ken Dodd would have baffled even the most highly trained robot. 'Now for the highlight of this evening's show,' he would say after dishing out four hours of non-stop gags, 'Release the goats!'

Many of his jokes, like that one, had no discernible logic or meaning, but audiences would howl with laughter. Most of them, however nonsensical, would carry a hint of human experience.

> 'When I was at school, I used to be teacher's pet. I sat in a cage at the back of the class.' Robots do not go to school, and wouldn't know about teachers' pets, so could never find that joke funny.

The late Mitch Hedberg was one of my favourite stand-up comedians. He once ≨said: 'Rice is great if you're areally hungry and want to eat 2,000 of something.' Unable to detect

a pun, the Cincinnati robot would simply see this as a statement of fact.

HE same goes for another American stand-up, Steven Wright. 'I went to a general store, but they wouldn't let me buy any-thing specific.' How could a robot, with no experience of shopping, ever detect the humour in it?

Another Steven Wright joke goes: 'I went to a place to eat. It said, "breakfast at any time." So I ordered French toast during the Renaissance.' How would Erica the robot know when to laugh?

The eccentric comedian Emo Philips once gave me one of his CDs, and wrote on it, in felt-tip, 'Think of me when you listen to this.'

Emo likes to turn things upsidedown, in a manner to confound even the most diligent robot.

'A computer once beat me at chess,' Emo once said, 'but it was no match for me at kick-boxing.'

And here's the surest sign of a proper sense of humour: would any machine, no matter how sophisticated, ever be able to take a joke against itself?



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Elegant in mourning dress, it's regal Robbie





All-star cast: Margot Robbie as Valerie Voze, and Taylor Swift in character in the 1930s mystery caper

SWEEPING into a premiere in a flowing black gown and cape, could Margot Robbie be paying tribute to Her Majesty the Queen?

The Australian actress, 32, who played Elizabeth I in Mary Queen Of Scots in 2018, certainly made an elegant impression at a screening of her latest film last night.

She plays Valerie Voze in Amsterdam, a mystery comedy caper which also features Taylor Swift. By Emma Powell

Deputy Showbusiness News Editor

The pop star, 32, has turned her talents to acting only a few times before, most recently in the digital adaptation of Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical Cats.

Last night Miss Robbie – wearing French label Celine with silver jewels and stilettos – was joined in London's West End by fellow cast members Christian Bale, Rami Malek and Andrea Riseborough. They were also dressed in black following the funeral of the Queen on Monday. Though the official mourning period is over, the Royal Family remains in private mourning this week.

Amsterdam follows three friends who witness a murder in 1930s New York and is partly based on a true story. It also features Anya Taylor-Joy, Robert De Niro and Chris Rock and is out in the UK on October 7.

#### By Kate Pickles

Health Correspondent

HAVING bad dreams in middle age may be a sign that you're likely to develop dementia in later life, research has suggested.

It found nightmares could become more common years or even decades before thinking and memory problems set in.

Those aged 35 to 64 who experienced bad dreams on a weekly basis were four times as likely to suffer a decline in memory and sharpness – often a precursor to dementia.

And elderly people who had bad dreams at least once a week were twice as likely to develop dementia, researchers found.

Experts said the findings are significant as there are few risk indicators for dementia in middle age.

Birmingham University researchers examined data from three community-based groups of people in the United States.

These included more than 600 adult men and women aged between 35 and 64 and 2,600 adults aged 79 and older. All were dementia-free at the start of the study and were followed up for an average of nine years for the younger group and five years for the older group.

They were asked questions about the quality of their sleep, including how often they experienced bad dreams. This data was then analysed using computer software.

The findings linking bad dreams to higher dementia risk appeared to be much stronger for men than for

# Could bad dreams be a dementia warning?

women, with elderly men five times more likely to develop dementia than those reporting no bad night-mares. The increase in risk was only 41 per cent for women, according to the findings published in The Lancet journal eClinicalMedicine.

A previous study of people with Parkinson's disease also noted a link between frequent distressing dreams and faster rates of cognitive decline.

Dr Abidemi Otaiku, from the University of Birmingham's Centre for Human Brain Health, said: 'We've demonstrated for the first time that

distressing dreams, or nightmares, can be linked to dementia risk and cognitive decline among healthy adults in the general population.

'This is important because there are very few risk indicators for dementia that can be identified as early as middle age.

'While more work needs to be done to confirm these links, we believe bad dreams could be a useful way to identify individuals at high risk of developing dementia and put in place strategies to slow down the onset of disease.'

#### How foot massage can boost your sleep

MENOPAUSAL women could gain an extra hour of sleep each night - with a simple foot massage.

The massages increase sleep and reduce fatigue and anxiety by stimulating the nerve cells in the legs, the North American Menopause Society reported. It follows a study

By **Sophie Huskisson** Health Reporter

by Cankyry Karatekin, TC Amasya and Ynonu universities in Turkey, which analysed 70 women.

Half had a massage every day for seven days. The massage group

slept an hour more each night. The authors recommended the massages alongside methods such as HRT for 'anxiety, fatigue, and sleep disorders'.

A third of women in the UK - around 13million - are estimated to be menopausal.



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## Stamp duty cut in

By **Harriet Line** 

Chief Political Correspondent

THE Chancellor will announce a string of tax cuts tomorrow to drive economic growth - including a reduction in stamp duty.

Kwasi Kwarteng is expected to use his fiscal statement to encourage investment and boost businesses. The statement had been billed as a 'mini Budget', but sources said last night: 'This is not a mini Budget - it's massive.'

Mr Kwarteng will confirm plans to reverse the recent national insurance hike and scrap a planned rise in corporation tax.

And he is reportedly planning to cut stamp duty - which currently brings in around £12 billion a year for the Treasury to get more people moving house and driving the economy upwards.

The Chancellor and the Prime Minister

#### 'It is one of the most damaging taxes'

have been working on the plans for more than a month, according to The Times.

Liz Truss believes cutting stamp duty paid when buying a property worth more than £125,000 - would drive economic growth by encouraging more people to move home. as well as helping first-time buyers

on to the property ladder. Sources said there will be further tax cuts unveiled tomorrow as well

as reforms to reduce the burden of regulations on companies.

Miss Truss told business chiefs in New York that she wants 'lower, simpler taxes in the UK to incentivise investment, to get more businesses going in the UK'. She said: 'I want to make sure that we have a strong economy, a growing economy, a dynamic economy, that we are a country that is pro-busiChancellor's bid to free up homes market in swathe of tax changes to breathe life into economy



ness, pro-attracting investment into our economy and also focused on long-term economic security.

'We do, following Covid, have a significant number of people that are economically inactive. We want to encourage more of them to go into work with a tight labour market, get the right skills, as well as being a country that attracts economic investment.

'So we won't be raising corporation tax, as was planned. We'll be reversing the national insurance

rises which took place earlier this year. And the Chancellor will be announcing various other simplification measures.'

Government sources declined to give details of the stamp duty proposals, but they were backed in principle by economists.

Stuart Adam, of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, said: 'In terms of economic efficiency and making the housing market and the economy work better, then stamp duty is one of the most damaging taxes

and cutting it is a very good thing from that point of view. Whether you like the distributional effects of it is more of a political value judgment as this would be a giveaway to well-off homeowners - particularly if we're talking about cutting the top rates of stamp duty to very well-off big homeowners.'

He said the Government could combine a stamp duty cut with a reform of council tax, which would help lower-income homeowners.

Under the current system, no

#### **Prices at** the pump still falling

FUEL prices at forecourts have fallen to their lowest level since mid-May.

Official figures show that a litre of petrol cost an average of 165.5p on Monday, while diesel was 181.1p a litre. They are the lowest prices since May 16, coinciding with a fall in wholesale costs.

The highest average fuel prices for the year were recorded on July 4, when petrol was 191.6p a litre and diesel was 199.2p.

Since then, the cost of filling up a typical 55-litre family petrol car has been cut by more than £14, while refuelling diesel models costs nearly £10 less.

stamp duty is paid below £125,000 and for first-time buyers the threshold is £300,000. Buyers then pay stamp duty at 2 per cent on the value up to £250,000, 5 per cent on the difference between £250,000 and £925,000, 10 per cent between £925,000 and £1.5 million, and 12 per cent above this.

A stamp duty holiday introduced by former chancellor Rishi Sunak came to an end last year. Spikes in demand were seen as buyers rushed to take advantage.

By Lucy White Chief City Reporter

THE Bank of England is set to push ahead with another bumper interest rate hike today amid warnings about the soaring cost of servicing Britain's national debt.

The Bank is likely to increase the base rate by at least 0.5 percentage points, or even 0.75 percentage points, as it battles to get inflation under control.

The move, which will make borrowing more expensive for the Government, comes as Chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng prepares to spend hundreds of billions of pounds on energy bills and tax cuts in his mini-Budget tomorrow.

It led to gloomy warnings by the independent think-tank the Institute for Fiscal Studies that the combination of spending and tax cuts is 'a gamble on growth that

may not pay off'.

The surge in the cost of living has wreaked havoc with public finances. The interest bill on the UK's £2.4trillion debt mountain hit £8.2billion last month, the highest figure for August since records began in 1997, according to the Office for National Statistics.

Mr Kwarteng's expensive plans – not yet analysed by the Office for Budget Responsibility which usually produces a forecast to show how spending plans will affect the public purse - have rattled some economists.

Under the spending plans, the UK will borrow £231billion – more than double the £99billion officially

## ...but gloomy analysts warn 'gamble might not pay off' amid 0.75% rates rise threat

predicted in March, the IFS estimated. It will still be borrowing £100billion a year by the mid-2020s, more than £60billion higher than previously forecast, the think-tank

Higher growth could offset this but it would be hard to achieve, it said. Carl Emmerson, deputy director of the IFS, said: 'While we would get to enjoy lower taxes now, ever-increasing debt would eventually prove unsustainable.

'The Government is choosing to

ramp up borrowing just as it becomes more expensive to do so, in a gamble on growth that may not pay off.

'Getting that scale of increase in trend growth, while not impossible, would require either a great deal of luck over a long period or a concerted change in policy direction.'

Miss Truss has argued that a change of tack from her predecessors is needed to boost Britain's growth. Rather than opting to claw more money into the Treasury's

coffers through ever-rising taxes, she has vowed to cut them in a bid to make Britain a more attractive country to do business.

Officials at the Bank, who are preparing to hike rates for a seventh consecutive month, have been put in a tricky position.

While ramping up the base rate above its current 1.75 per cent should help to tame inflation, by encouraging saving rather than spending, it also bumps up the cost of borrowing for all and puts a

damper on economic growth. On a typical £250,000 mortgage, monthly payments would rise by £100 if rates climb by 0.75 percentage points.

Bank governor Andrew Bailey has said dealing with the cost of living crisis was his priority.

Mr Kwarteng said yesterday: 'I have pledged to get debt down in the medium term. However, in the face of a major economic shock, it is absolutely right that the Government takes action now to help families and businesses, just as we did during the pandemic.

Last night the US central bank raised interest rates for the third time in a row. The Federal Reserve raised rates by 0.75 percentage points, lifting the target interest range of 3 per cent to 3.25 per cent. It warned of 'ongoing increases' as it tackles soaring prices.

The move followed that of the European Central Bank, which raised interest rates by 0.75 percentage points this month for the first time since the euro's launch in 1999.

'wants to do what it can to help ease the strain'.

#### M&S to give staff free meals and vouchers

MARKS and Spencer has launched a £15million cost of living support package for thousands of staff, including free meals and sanitary products. The scheme includes a second pay rise this year with hourly rates rising this autumn to at least

£10.20 for 40,000 staff. A full-time customer assist-

ant will now earn over £100 more each month than

in October 2021. M&S will also provide 4,500 salaried staff with a one-off £250 M&S voucher. And the retailer will expand its free food policy, which already applies to store staff, to its distribu-

tion centre in Castle Donington, Leicestershire. Chief executive Stuart Machin said the firm

## massive' Budget

## Energy bills for business to be cut in half

By **Tom Witherow** and **Eleanor Harding** 

ENERGY bills for businesses, schools and charities will be cut in half this winter costing the taxpayer 'tens of billions of pounds', the Government said yesterday.

Ministers announced that the price of gas and electricity will be capped from October 1 for six months to 'provide certainty and peace of mind' through the winter.

The scheme, which will also benefit hospitals and care homes, is broadly in line with the 'energy price guarantee' offered to households earlier this month. This caps average household bills for gas and electricity at £2,500 a year.

Cornwall Insight, a market analyst, estimated the cap will cost the Government £25billion, which is likely to be funded by borrowing.

The Business Department suggested a pub fixing its energy costs last month would save around £3,100 a month from the intervention, while a school would save £4,000 a month.

Liz Truss said: 'I understand the huge pressure businesses, charities and public sector organisations are facing with their energy bills, which is why we are taking immediate action to support them over the winter and

protect jobs and livelihoods.' The scheme would provide 'certainty and peace of mind', she added.

Chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng said: 'We have stepped in to stop businesses collapsing, protect jobs, and limit inflation.

The scheme will work by capping the price of wholesale electricity at 21.1p per kWh and the price of wholesale gas at 75p per kWh. This is less than half the wholesale prices anticipated this winter. Contracts to supply electricity over the winter currently average 49p per kWh, while those for gas average £1.70 per kWh. The Government



A BAKERY and chocolaterie business in Yorkshire was forced to shut shops and lay off 20 staff because of the delay in government support.

Louise Costello, 40, who owns Costello's with her husband Jamie, 44, both pictured, said the energy price cap will save them £2,000 per month.

But this was too late to save their

#### By Tom Witherow

three shops in Malton, Driffield and Wetherby, which they closed this summer after their total energy bill rose from £1,600 to £9,000 per month.

The couple laid off 20 of their 25 staff, and have battled to rebuild the business by selling their goods online and

developing a new base of wholesale customers. Mrs Costello said this year had been the toughest in the business's 24-year history as rising costs have collided with families cutting spending.

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She added: 'In the last three months we've really struggled with the increase in energy bills. We'd have liked to have had this help sooner.'

will compensate suppliers for the reduction in prices they are passing on to businesses. It is expected to fund the policy through borrowing, even though the cost of servicing UK government debt hit a record high for August.

The non-domestic price guarantee will be in place for six months, compared with two years for the household price cap, but the Prime Minister has indicated that subsidies could be extended for the hardest-hit businesses.

Vulnerable industries such as hospitality urged Mr Kwarteng to

announce further support in tomorrow's mini-Budget. Stephen Phipson, chief executive of Make UK, which represents manufacturers, said: 'It does appear likely

#### 'A lifeline to get through winter'

that prices will remain high for many months to come and industry is likely to need support for a longer period.'

tive of the British Beer and Pub Association, said: "This is a critical intervention from the Government and it is absolutely needed by the beer and pub sector. This really will provide a lifeline to get through this very difficult winter.'

Geoff Barton, of the Association of School and College Leaders, said: 'This move was essential as schools and colleges were facing absolutely massive hikes in energy costs, which would have caused an immediate financial meltdown.'

Ministers were unable to say how Emma McClarkin, chief execu- much the policy will cost because it will depend on how high wholesale prices climb this winter. Business Secretary Jacob Rees-Mogg said: 'We are talking about tens of billions of pounds, unquestionably. We will have a review in three months to ensure we are giving support in the right places.'

Darren Jones, Labour chairman of the Commons business, energy and industrial strategy committee, said offering cash to all businesses, including large, profitable firms such as Amazon, was a 'waste of taxpayers' money'.

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#### Majority now happy to pay more tax, finds survey

MOST Britons believe the Government should raise taxes and spend more on health, education and welfare, says a major report out today.

The long-running British Social Attitudes survey found 52 per cent of those polled backed higher taxes and public spending. up from 50 per cent in 2020.

Close to half (49 per cent) think the Government should take from the richest to give to the poorest, up sharply on recent years, while 51 per cent were willing to pay higher

By Martin Beckford Policy Editor

taxes to fund improved health care. Even 46 per cent of Tory voters were in favour of a bigger state, with just 7 per cent against, according to the survey conducted last autumn by the National Centre for Social Research (NatCen). In previous decades the public reacted to higher public spending by

calling for lower taxes. The findings come as new Prime Minister

Liz Truss presses ahead with sweeping tax cuts to boost economic growth.

Gillian Prior of NatCen, said: 'Our annual survey suggests the public faces the cost of living crisis with as much appetite for increased government spending as it had during the pandemic.'

People were 'more willing than a decade ago for government to redistribute income from the better off to the less well off'.

Many of the 6,250 adults interviewed for the 39th annual social attitudes survey were

dissatisfied with the NHS. One in four said they did not get treatment they needed in the previous year because of long waiting lists and two thirds said it took too long to get an appointment. Three quarters believed NHS services should be free.

There was also a growing demand for electoral reform. For the first time since the question was initially asked in 1983, more people wanted to introduce proportional representation (51 per cent) than keep the first-past-the-post system (44 per cent).

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HEN Victoria's Secret model Behati Prinsloo gushed to TV chat show queen Ellen DeGeneres three years ago that she would love to have a big family with her pop star husband Adam Levine, she did at least admit to having one reservation. He had a tendency to come up with truly bizarre names for their children.

'Dusty Rose' (after British singer Dusty Springfield) to him for their first daughter and how the frontman of pop rock mega-band Maroon 5

enthusiastically went with it.

coming as she did from solid Afrikaner farmer stock, she'd initially been very sceptical about such Hollywood affectation. What would her parents — her father is a church minister, her mother runs a B&B — think, she wondered, and concluded: 'Dusty? No way.'

But she gradually warmed to it and they went on to have another daughter, whose name, Gio Grace, also sounds like it came

It's now safe to assume, however, that with a third child due soon, Dad has been relieved of baby-naming duties for the foreseeable future. For, according to Sumner Stroh, a 23-year-old model and social media star, the heavily tattooed singer had a year-long affair with her after he convinced her his marriage had crumbled. Not only that but, as Prinsloo,

#### One claims he wanted to give his new baby her name

34, became pregnant for a third time, Stroh claims Levine had got back in touch with her to say he wanted to call the baby — if it was a

We don't know for certain whether 'Sumner' has indeed been floated as a potential baby name around the couple's \$52 million Montecito mansion home in recent months, but it's certainly true that Ms Stroh's sensational accusations have not gone unremarked chez Levine.

The 43-year-old American singer, estimated to be worth \$160 million (£140 million), has publicly

Levine — who has penned such hits as Girls Like You, Never Gonna Leave This Bed and Won't Go Home Without You — said he and his wife are working to sort out their eight-year

But that was before three more women — one of them his former yoga instructor — yesterday

While Maroon 5 have sold more than 135 million records, the frontman has long been famous as much for his girlfriends as for his hits.

rakish pop star, whose premarriage romantic life was an exhausting array of swimsuit models, cocktail waitresses and blonde actresses including Cameron Diaz and Jessica Simpson,

admitted he'd had a 'promiscuous' phase and attributed his desire to sleep with so many women to the

Three years earlier, he told Cosmopolitan that men, himself included, couldn't help cheating.

'Instinctively, monogamy is not in our genetic make-up,' he intoned authoritatively. 'People cheat. I have cheated. And you know what? There is nothing worse than the

That last statement may, in his case, be treated with a little caution given the weight of

Levine's nightmare started on Monday when Sumner Stroh posted a video on the social media

They discussed how it had in fact been DeGeneres, a friend of Levine, who'd suggested

But the Namibian-born Prinsloo admitted that,

from Levine.

boy — after her.

insisted he didn't 'cheat' on his wife, although he admits he 'crossed the line' with Stroh.

marriage 'together'.

came forward with their own allegations of his lecherous behaviour.

And it isn't the first time the

has had to defend his love life. To borrow the title of one of Maroon 5's biggest hits, Moves Like Jagger, Levine certainly appears intent on emulating the bed-hopping antics of the Rolling Stones singer when it comes to women. In a 2012 interview, Levine

fact that he 'loved them so much'.

feeling of doing it.'

allegations he now faces.

And so am I hahaha.' site TikTok revealing their alleged to get back in touch this year to

from Tom Leonard

IN NEW YORK

affair just five days after Prinsloo had announced she and Levine were expecting their third child.

The video — posted just two days before Dusty's sixth birthday — 'went viral' and has been watched more than 21 million times.

Ms Stroh didn't say when she had an affair with Levine but wrote: 'At the time, I was young and naive.' She said Levine had 'exploited' and 'manipulated' her, adding: 'I'm just going to rip the Band-Aid off.'

A social media influencer and 'Instagram model' who has 430,000 followers, she included in her video what appeared to be a string of lubricious Instagram messages between her and the singer's

verified account. 'It is unreal how f\*\*\*ing hot you are. Like it blows my mind,' he wrote in one exchange, adding: 'You are 50 times hotter in person.

She says they lost contact 'over a period of months' only for Levine

tell her he and Prinsloo were expecting their third child.

'OK serious question,' he wrote. 'I'm having another baby and if it's w [sic] boy I really wanna name it Sumner. You OK with that? DEAD serious."

Ms Stroh went on: 'I was like "I'm in Hell". I have to be in Hell at this point... My morals were unknowingly compromised, I was completely manipulated.'

She added that she only went public about their alleged affair after a friend with whom she'd shared some of the incriminating text messages threatened to sell

#### It's unreal how hot you are. It blows my mind'

the story to the media. In a followup video post she said she felt 'remorseful' and 'disgusted with myself' but said she had 'been under the impression that their marriage was over' and the couple were keeping it quiet to avoid bad

publicity. 'I was new to LA and just assumed that with celebrities of that calibre, that's how it was,' she explained. 'And that's why I feel exploited because he knew that I believed everything he said.'

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First, Moves Like Jagger

singer Adam Levine faced

one bombshell allegation. Yesterday, the floodgates opened. So...

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As soon as she realised his marriage wasn't over, she ended the relationship, she said.

The singer replied with a statement on Tuesday which began: 'A lot is being said about me right now and I want to clear the air.

He went on: 'I used poor judgment in speaking with anyone other than my wife in ANY kind of flirtatious manner. I did not have an affair, nevertheless, I crossed the line during a regrettable period

in my life.' His behaviour had 'in certain instances' been 'inappropriate', he said, but he had taken 'proactive steps to remedy this with my family'. He added: 'My wife and my family is all I care about in this world. To be this naive and stupid enough to risk the only thing that truly matters to me was the greatest mistake I could ever make.

'I will never make it again. I take full responsibility. We will get through it. And we will

get through it together.' He'd barely pressed

'send' on this heartfelt statement to a showbusiness news site when other women started unhelpfully piping up about their own alleged experiences of his 'inappropriate' behaviour.

Within hours, a heavily tattooed and curvaceous comedian named simply Maryka leaked online screenshots of lecherous Instagram messages she claimed Levine had sent her.

'Holy \*\*\*\*ing \*\*\*\*. The body of yours is absurd. How are you such an hourglass?' said one, adding: 'I'd do anything for it. I'd buy it a steak dinner and whisper sweet nothings into it.'

Another reportedly read: 'Watching your a\*s jiggle on that table will permanently scar me.' When, after the star allegedly said he was 'obsessed' with her, she asked: 'Dude aren't you like married lol?' He replied: 'It's a bit complicated.'

Another woman, Alyson Rose once again, tattooed, pouting and curvy - posted what she alleged to be her own lascivious online communications from Levine after getting to know him via his

tattoo artist.

In messages, he allegedly called her 'hot' and asked for more



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accidentally sent her a message intended for his then girlfriend, he didn't reply. Instead, she said, he abandoned her, leaving her off his entourage for a forthcoming band tour, all of which had a 'massive life-changing, destructive' effect on her life.

'Long overdue #ExposeAdamLevine,' she wrote on social media.

In fact, Levine waxed lyrical about the benefits of yoga in a 2008 interview, adding: 'But let's face it, I only practise yoga because the classes are always packed with beautiful women.'

His original accuser, Sumner Stroh, had her own scornful response to Levine's affair denials. 'Someone get this man a dictionary,' she said.

A source close to Levine told People magazine yesterday that the star 'swears' to friends that he was 'flirtatious' with three women, including Ms Stroh, but that 'nothing physical happened'. The insider said Levine craves female attention 'more than most'. People also said that Behati was 'very upset' at the developments.

Music industry observers have been predicting for years that it is long overdue its own '#MeToo moment' when, as in Hollywood after the Harvey Weinstein scandal, predatory sexual behaviour would be called to account. Levine and Behati first got together in 2012, shortly after he broke up with another well-known model, Russian-

Although they split up briefly in May the following year, Levine and Behati reunited and got married in front of 275 guests in Mexico in July 2014. Levine had a raucous bachelor party with 50 friends in Las Vegas but later said he'd had enough carousing and wanted to settle down with Behati.

'I definitely feel like I'm sitting in the chair I'm supposed to be sitting in,' he confided. In 2018, the couple moved into a three-acre, ranch-style compound in LA's Pacific Palisades neighbourhood, buying it for \$32 million (£25 million) from a showbusiness couple — Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner — whose own marriage had collapsed.

In May, the Levines made a huge profit by re-selling it for \$51 million (£40 million) and paying just \$1 million more for a mansion up the Pacific coast in even quieter Montecito, home of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.

On Tuesday, at least, they were all smiles as they were photographed picking up the children from school together, ready for Dusty's birthday the following day.

Adam Levine said in 2020 he wanted to have five children with Behati but admitted — jokingly — that he risked being 'punched in the \*\*\*\*ing face' by his figure-conscious wife if he asked for another.

The risk of further blows has surely risen dramatically now.

Golden couple: Adam Levine and his wife, model Behati Prinsloo, who is pregnant with their third child

> Picture: JON KOPALOFF/ **GETTY FOR** CALIROSA

pictures of her. In one, he reportedly told her: 'I shouldn't be talking to you you know [that] right?' Ms Rose claimed there was 'a lot more that was said that was not appropriate' but she had felt

uncomfortable about sharing it. And then his former yoga teacher, Alanna Zabel, said she'd also been the recipient of his advances. Zabel, who trained the singer from 2007 to 2010 — before he married Behati — said he once told her he wanted to 'spend the day with you naked' and told her that he often boasted to his friends about how she had the 'best a\*\*\* in town'.

She said that her exboyfriend saw the offending 'naked' text message, and — when









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## Fury of Iran's women

'Six killed' as protests spread over hijab row girl who died after arrest by morality police



Fury: An Iranian woman in Turkey hacks at her hair in protest at the deaths

#### Mail Foreign Service

AT least six protesters are said to have been killed in Iran following the death of a young woman at the hands of the fundamentalist regime's feared morality police.

Demonstrations have spread across the country, with women burning their headscarves in public since authorities revealed the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini, who had been detained for allegedly wearing her hijab in an 'improper' way.

Iranian security forces were also accused of using live ammunition at the protests.

Activists claim Miss Amini suffered a fatal blow to the head while being held, which was denied by officials who said they could clamp down on internet access in a bid to stop news of the dem-

onstrations spreading further.
Some female protesters took off their hijabs and threw them on bonfires, or symbolically cut their hair before cheering crowds, videos spread on social media have shown. 'No to the headscarf, no to the turban, yes to freedom and equality,' protesters in Tehran

were heard chanting.
Solidarity protests have also taken place abroad, including in New York and Istanbul.

Iranian state media reported yesterday that, in the fifth night of unrest, police used tear gas and made arrests to disperse crowds



Died: 22-year-old Mahsa Amini

of up to 1,000 people. Meanwhile, London-based rights group Article 19 said it was 'deeply concerned by reports of the unlawful use of force by Iranian police and security forces', including the use of live ammunition.

Protesters hurled stones at security forces, set fire to police vehicles and bins, and chanted antigovernment slogans, the official IRNA news agency said, adding that rallies were held in cities including Mashhad, Tabriz, Isfahan and Shiraz.

Demonstrators could be heard shouting: 'Death to the dictator'

and 'Woman, life, freedom' in video footage that spread beyond Iran, despite online restrictions.

Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei spoke publicly yesterday, but did not mention the spreading unrest.

Ismail Zarei Koosha, governor of the Kurdistan province – where Miss Amini lived and the protests started – said three people had been killed, but blamed 'a plot by the enemy'.

Norway-based Kurdish rights group Hengaw – which first reported the deaths – said yesterday that two more protesters had been killed overnight in the towns of Piranshahr and Urmia, both in West Azerbaijan province.

Another male protester, who was wounded in Divandarreh on Saturday, died from his injuries in hospital.

Video footage also spread online showing security forces opening fire on crowds in the southern city of Shiraz.

Miss Amini's death and Iran's response to the anger it provoked have sparked condemnation from the United Nations, the United States, France and other countries. Iranian foreign ministry

spokesman Nasser Kanaani has condemned what he called 'foreign interventionist positions'.

Article 19 said it was 'alarmed by the local internet shutdowns', recalling that in 2019 authorities 'used a shutdown to kill, maim and arrest protesters'.

British foreign office minister Lord Ahmad said yesterday: 'Britain is extremely concerned at reports of serious mistreatment by Iranian security forces of a 22-year-old woman.

'We urge the Iranian government to investigate her death with rigour and transparency.'

#### Readers needled by sewing magazine's woke pronouns

IT appears the culture wars have spread to the rather staid world of needlework.

Readers of a popular sewing magazine are infuriated after it began stating the pronouns of contributors. The woke makeover at Simply Sewing – which has a readership of almost 25,000 – was labelled 'nonsense', 'mindless' and 'stupid'.

In the latest issue, stitcher Preya Broom

**Daily Mail Reporter** 

shows readers how to make a 1950sinspired shirt dress, with her name and pronouns - she/her - at the top of the article. She declares: 'It's great that Simply Sewing magazine has started using pronouns. It's a big part of being an LGBTQ+ ally and helping create a more inclusive society.' But readers of the £9.99 magazine are not so sure.

On an online discussion site, one said she was irritated by the addition of pronouns to each article, adding: 'I get so het up about all this. Some of the people don't have their pronouns displayed so hopefully they are the sensible ones who refuse to partake in this nonsense. They are all

"she/her" anyway.' Others agreed. 'A lot of folk mindlessly add pronouns as they think it's just the done thing,' said one. 'They don't realise how stupid they look.'

Two other women contributors in the same issue of Simply Sewing are described as she/her alongside their pictures. Simply Sewing is published by Our Media. It did not respond to requests for comment.



Anger: Demonstrators in the capital Tehran block street and set police vehicles on fire

## FREE INSIDE THIS SATURDAY



# Briton dies on diving on diving trip with boyfriend

A BRITISH holidaymaker has drowned while scuba diving in Albania.

Rebecca Gannon, 29, died while swimming with her boy-friend on Monday.

Miss Gannon, from Stone in Staffordshire, got into difficulty on a trip off the coast of Saranda with Robert Kerans, her boyfriend of four years.

Both Miss Gannon and Mr Kerans were experienced divers and held PADI diving certificates.

Mr Kerans said in a statement obtained by MailOnline: 'Rebecca and I arrived at the centre and we filled in a form.

'There must have been about 12 of us all together and there were three instructors – one of whom spoke very good English and who I know now is Gerta Brozi.

'She checked the equipment but she didn't seem to pay much

#### By Niamh Lynch

attention. I know that there was a problem with Rebecca's regulator but Gerta said it had been solved.

'We went into the water but I don't know if the problem was fixed. We had gone quite deep and one of the group had pressure problems and came to the surface. I couldn't see Rebecca when I was in the water as the visibility wasn't very good.

'I must have been in the water for about 25 minutes and when I surfaced I saw a police boat close to us and that's when I realised something bad had happened.'

Mr Kerans, who is originally from Norway, lived in Staffordshire with Miss Gannon, who he is believed to have met in New Zealand.

Albanian police have since arrested the owner of the Spiranca Diving Centre, 45-year-old Saimir Kushova. He is due to appear in



Experienced: Rebecca Gannon, 29, drowned during a boat trip

court today on suspicion of violating work health and safety rules and employing a non-qualified dive instructor, Miss Brozi.

Miss Gannon's sister Sam told MailOnline: 'It is devastating. We are heartbroken. She's my little sister. I can't believe it.'

Videos posted on Albanian news websites show a body being carried from a boat with paramedics waiting on land.

Other witnesses said Mr Kushova dived into the water to help Miss Gannon alongside other members of the group. Miss Brozi, who co-owns the diving centre and was on the boat, said: 'We really don't know what happened and are waiting for the police to finish the investigation.'

She added: '[Rebecca] had been in the water for ten minutes and then she got into difficulty. There had been an issue with a regulator before but it was changed and was working fine.

'The next thing we knew, Saimir had spotted she was in trouble and dived in to try to rescue her.'

#### Boy, 15, fights for life after he is stabbed near school

By Niamh Lynch

A BOY of 15 is fighting for his life after being stabbed near a school yesterday afternoon.

The vicious assault is believed to have taken place outside North Huddersfield Trust School on the outskirts of the town just before 3pm.

Local reports claim the teenager was ambushed and stabbed by a hooded assailant.

Parents said their children would be left 'traumatised' after seeing the boy 'pinned down and stabbed repeatedly'. Adam Wartski, 32, was picking up his two young children when he came across the scene.

'It's disgusting,' he told the Huddersfield Examiner. 'It feels like they - victims and perpetrators - are getting younger and younger. I don't understand it.

'At school we would fight but it would be no worse than a punch-up and then we'd be friends. It's just awful.'

A spokesman from West Yorkshire Police said officers had received a 'report that a teenager had been seriously injured in Woodhouse Hill, Huddersfield. Emergency services attended and a 15-year-old boy was taken to hospital in a critical condition'.



By Rebecca Camber Crime and Security Editor

TWO Scotland Yard officers who shared sickening yesterday they faced jail.

Firearms officers Jonathon and shooting people with Down's syndrome.

They were in a chat group with Couzens, the ex-parliamentary and diplomatic protection officer who was jailed for life last year for the kidnap, rape and murder of Miss Everard, 33, in March 2021.

The messages - exchanged between April and August 2019 were only uncovered when Couzens was arrested six days after the murder. His phone was

## Sarah killer's Met WhatsApp messages with Wayne Couzens about raping women before he killed sarah Everard were told yesterday they faced jail. Cobban, 35, and ex-PC Joel Borders, 45, swapped 'grossly offensive' sexist, misogynistic and racist messages about tasering children and animals

examined, revealing discussions about raping and beating a female officer, sexually assaulting domestic abuse victims and racist comments about areas of London.

During the case it emerged that Cobban had been a 'race and diversity custodian' for Civil Nuclear Constabulary before he joined Scotland Yard. In the messages, Cobban described his duties as 'p\*\*\*y patrol' and said parts of London resembled 'a Dulux colour code'.

District Judge Sarah Turnock told the officers yesterday: 'These offences, make no mistake about it, are extremely serious. You both face a very real prospect of going to prison.' In one exchange Bor-

ders said he wanted to be a firearms officer to shoot people, including those with Down's syndrome, adding: 'I can't wait to get on guns so I can shoot some c\*\*\* in the face.'

Cobban replied: 'Me too. I want to Taser a cat and a dog to see which reacts better.

'I think the cat will get more p\*\*\*\*\*
off and the dog will s\*\*\* it. I wanna
test this theory. Same with children.
Zap zap you little f\*\*\*\*\*\*.'

Elsewhere in the WhatsApp group called 'Bottle and Stoppers/Atkin's Puppets' - Borders discussed raping a female colleague, saying: 'She will use me as an example. Lead me on, then get me locked up when I rape and beat her! Sneaky b\*\*\*\*.'

Judge Turnock said the message was 'both misogynistic and aggressive... and a clear example of victim blaming'. Other posts joked about the prospect of leaving Muslims to die in a terror bombing and talked about the officers feeling like a 'spot on a domino' in 'filthy' racially diverse areas of London.

Like Couzens, who joined Scotland Yard in 2019, both officers were formerly in the Civil Nuclear Constabulary before transferring to the Met in February 2019.

They claimed the messages were jokes. But Borders, of Preston, Lancashire, was convicted yesterday of five counts of sending offensive matter on a public communication network. Cobban, of Didcot, Oxfordshire, was found guilty of three simi- hearings, adding: 'The behaviour of



Murderer: Wayne Couzens



**Guilty: Jonathan Cobban** 

ers, and was convicted of sending a homophobic message about a man who had attempted suicide, complaining he had been assigned as a 'hospital guard for some attention seeking self-harming f\*\*'.

They will be sentenced at City of London Magistrates' Court on November 2.

A third officer in the chat group, William Neville, 34, was acquitted.

Met Commander Jon Savell said the pair now faced misconduct lar counts, but cleared of two oth- these officers is despicable.'

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## Yard savaged as it fails to log 69,000 offences a year

BRITAIN'S biggest police force is failing to record thousands of crimes of stalking, domestic abuse and anti-social behaviour responding to just one in 21 calls in some areas.

The police watchdog raised 'serious concerns' about the Metropolitan Police's performance after the force failed in six out of nine areas of work, with the blunders resulting in offenders evading justice.

Just days after Sir Mark Rowley took over as Commissioner, His

#### **'Let criminals** off the hook'

Majesty's Inspectorate of Constab-ulary and Fire & Rescue Services has demanded that Scotland Yard make urgent improvements.

The report found that more than 69,100 offences a year were going unrecorded, with victims of domestic violence or those suffering longterm abuse such as stalking, controlling and coercive behaviour or

harassment being ignored. Not all reports of rape were correctly recorded and in some cases it was taking more than three days for crimes to be logged - leading to

#### By Crime and Security Editor

delays in rape investigations and victims receiving support.

Inspectors believe the force turns a blind eye to many incidents of anti-social behaviour, with just one out of the 21 calls from victims leading to a crime being logged.

The force, which was put into special measures three months ago, was labelled 'inadequate' in the way it responds to the public, with call handlers unable to answer 999 calls quickly enough, and failures to identify vulnerable or repeat victims.

It also missed 'opportunities to preserve evidence which may help investigations'.

Shoddy investigations by inexperienced detectives also let criminals off the hook, the inspectors found.

Inspector of Constabulary Matt Parr warned: 'Until the force improves how it responds to incidents and increases the capability and supervision of its investigators, it will not be able to sustainably reduce crime.'

Dame Lynne Owens, Met Deputy Commissioner, said: 'We want to remove as many hurdles as possible to make it easier for hardworking officers to fight crime, deliver justice and support victims.'

## Mystery of 230 beached pilot whales



HUNDREDS of pilot whales lie stranded on a beach in a sight which has baffled scientists.

Around half of the 230 whales are thought to be still alive, but it is not understood how or why they ended up on the sand.

Locals in Tasmania have been covering the animals with wet blankets and pouring

By Colin Fernandez **Environment Editor** 

cold water over them before experts arrive. But rescue efforts will be difficult because of the remoteness of the location on a sandflat at the entrance to a natural harbour.

Pilot whales are known for mass strand-

ings as they travel in large, close-knit communities. Two years ago nearly 500 whales were stranded in the same location, Macquarie Harbour on the Australian island's west coast, with only 100 surviving.

Wildlife scientist Vanessa Pirotta said the similarity between the two incidents was 'concerning'. The whales may have made a

navigation error while moving from open water or been panicked into shallow water, she added, but said the reasons behind the stranding remained 'a complete mystery'.

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Tasmania's environment department said marine conservation experts were being sent to the area, but added that more whales were expected to die overnight.

## Think you'll be a good parent? These are vows you will break

**Daily Mail Reporter** 

LIMITING screen time. never shouting and not using a tablet as a babysitter are the top vows we break on becoming parents, a poll reveals.

The survey of 2,000 British mums and dads found 85 per cent look back and laugh about the sort of parent they thought they would be.

Some 81 per cent said it was impossible to know how hard being a parent was until you had children, with the same proportion saying it was the biggest learning curve of their lives.

Top of the list of broken vows, with 47 per cent of the vote, was the intention to always limit kids' screen time.

A third (33 per cent) thought they would never bribe their children no matter how naughty they were being, while 39 per cent said they would never raise their voice.

More than two thirds (67 per cent) of those polled by Play-Doh said there was often overwhelming pressure to be a 'perfect' parent, which left them

#### WE ALL START WITH GOOD INTENTIONS The promises that mums and dads don't keep

1 Screen time will be limited 47% 2 I won't shout at my child 39% 3 I'll never use a tablet as a babysitter 34% 4 I will never bribe my children 33% 5 I'll read to them every night 32% 6 My kids will never sleep in my bed 29% I will never say 'because I said so' 29% 8 My kids will never throw tantrums in public 28% 9 Establishing a good bedtime routine will be easy 28%

feeling like a failure – with 72 per cent blaming social media. Other factors that pile on the pressure include fellow parents (46 per cent), family members (40 per cent) and friends who don't have children (34 per cent).

10 My kids will have good manners at all times

The study also revealed the tips parents would give to those planning to have children. Topping the list was 'there will be hard days but it's worth it' (68 per cent), along with 'don't feel embarrassed if your child has a meltdown in public as it's normal' (62 per cent), and 'you'll miss these days when your kids are older' (51 per cent).

28%

Play-Doh has launched a Parenting is Messy campaign in a bid to celebrate the unspoken truths of having kids.

Spokesman Nicola Fox-Haggarty said: 'Our research reveals the expectations versus reality of parenting - and how many of the preconceptions we have about family life turn out to be completely wrong. Parenting is Messy is all about celebrating the less polished moments in people's lives as parents.'



By Emma Powell **Deputy Showbusiness News Editor** 

THE pressures of fame have ended many a celebrity marriage.

But, Kate Humble claims to have discovered the secret to staying together - not having children.

The Springwatch presenter, 53, who is married to TV producer Ludo Graham, 61, pictured, said not becoming parents has given them 'a liberation that parents don't have'.

She told Woman's Weekly magazine: 'You

#### 'We've had space to grow'

grow and change a lot over 30 years, and in a lot of ways we've had the space to allow each other to do that.'

Miss Humble said it was 'never a decision... just a fact' that she would never have children and she made that clear before she married in 1992.

Earlier this year she said she was tired of justifying why she chose not to have children. She told Good Housekeeping: 'I'm staggered women are still asked to justify the choice.'

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## Free speech group is 'cancelled by PayPal'

#### US giant cuts off three accounts campaigner set up

PAYPAL has found itself in hot water after shutting down accounts belonging to the founder of the Free Speech Union.

Toby Young, who set up the campaign group and the Daily Sceptic news blog. was told last week that three of his PayPal accounts would be closed for violating an 'acceptable use policy'.

The FSU defends victims of cancel culture while the Daily Sceptic was set up in April 2020 to scrutinise lockdown. PayPal did not

#### By Izzy Lyons

specify which rule the organisations had broken, but the policy contains numerous 'prohibited activities' including transactions involving illegal drugs, stolen goods, or 'the promotion of hate, violence, racial or other forms of intolerance'.

The US firm last night said it was trying to balance 'protecting the ideals of tolerance, diversity and respect' with the values of free expression. But Mr Young accused it of

businesses. 'This is completely outrageous, but I am far from the only person to be deplatformed in this way,' he said.

"The withdrawal of financial services from people who challenge the prevailing orthodoxy, whether it's about teaching primary school children there are 27 different genders or Net Zero, is the new battlefront in the ongoing war against free speech.

'The Free Speech Union will be lobbying the Government to put new laws in place to stop companies like PayPal from withdrawing their services from individuals

> and organisations who say something perfectly lawful but which their employees disagree with.'

Last Thursday Mr Young received notice that his personal account was being suspended. The account contained £600 and PayPal said it would hold the money for up to 180 days. Mr Young used it to receive payments from European magazines. Minutes later, PayPal sent the same message to the two organisations Mr Young runs - the Daily Sceptic and the FSU.

PayPal said it would 'discontinue' its relationship with account holders found to violate its policies.

It added: 'Achieving the balance between protecting the ideals of tolerance, diversity and respect for people of all backgrounds and upholding the values of free expression and open dialogue can be difficult, but we do our best to achieve it.'



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#### FROM THE DAILY MAIL ARCHIVE

SEPTEMBER 22, 1955

THE legendary island of Rockall, the 'sea area' beloved of the meteorologists when gales are blowing up, emerged out of the Atlantic mists yesterday as Britain's latest possession. [Prior to this it was terra nullius].

SEPTEMBER 22, 1984

TOMMY COOPER'S heartbroken widow, Gwen, is to auction his lifelong collection of stage props. Going under the Christie's hammer will be a suitcase full of fezzes, exploding top hats, wands, and props.

But 64-year-old Gwen is not doing it for the money. 'I want the space for my son's family to move in,' said Gwen.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

RUPERT PENRY-JONES. 52. The British actor starred in BBC dramas Spooks and Silk, and this year's film The Batman. The son of To The Manor Born's Angela Thorne and husband of Ballykissangel



star Dervla Kirwan said he can't rely on his good looks for roles: 'Sometimes tall, blond chaps fall out of favour.'

SUE PERKINS, 53. The TV presenter from London used to present The Great British Bake Off alongside sidekick Mel Giedroyc and took over from Nicholas Parsons as the host of BBC Radio 4's Just A Minute last year. Perkins said: 'My best presenting is when they say: let the shambolic oaf do her own thing.

#### **BORN ON THIS DAY**

ANNE OF CLEVES (1515-1557). The German-born fourth wife of Henry VIII had a beauty compared to 'the golden sun' by the King's chief minister Thomas Cromwell. After the wedding night, Henry said: 'I liked her before not well, but now I like her



much worse.' The marriage was annulled after six months.

ROSAMUNDE PILCHER (1924-2019). The Cornish-born novelist wrote Coming Home and The Shell Seekers, which became the most popular paperback in the world. One critic described 'Pilcherdom' as 'a world of strong women, wellmannered men, bracing landscapes, big dogs, loyal cleaning ladies and houses that smell of wax polish'.

#### ON SEPTEMBER 22...

IN 1735, Sir Robert Walpole moved into 10 Downing Street. He is regarded as Britain's first prime minister.

IN 2007, French mime star Marcel Marceau died, aged 84.

#### WORD WIZARDRY **GUESS THE DEFINITION:** Twinning (coined 2020)

A) A new version of the game of leapfrog. B) Partnering with a town or city abroad. C) Wearing the same clothes at the same time as friends or family. Answer below

#### PHRASE EXPLAINED:

Make a dead set at: Meaning to make a proper attempt to win the affections of; it derives from a 19th century idiom that refers to the way in which a dog such as a pointer or setter stands stock still with its muzzle pointing towards game.

#### **QUOTE FOR TODAY**

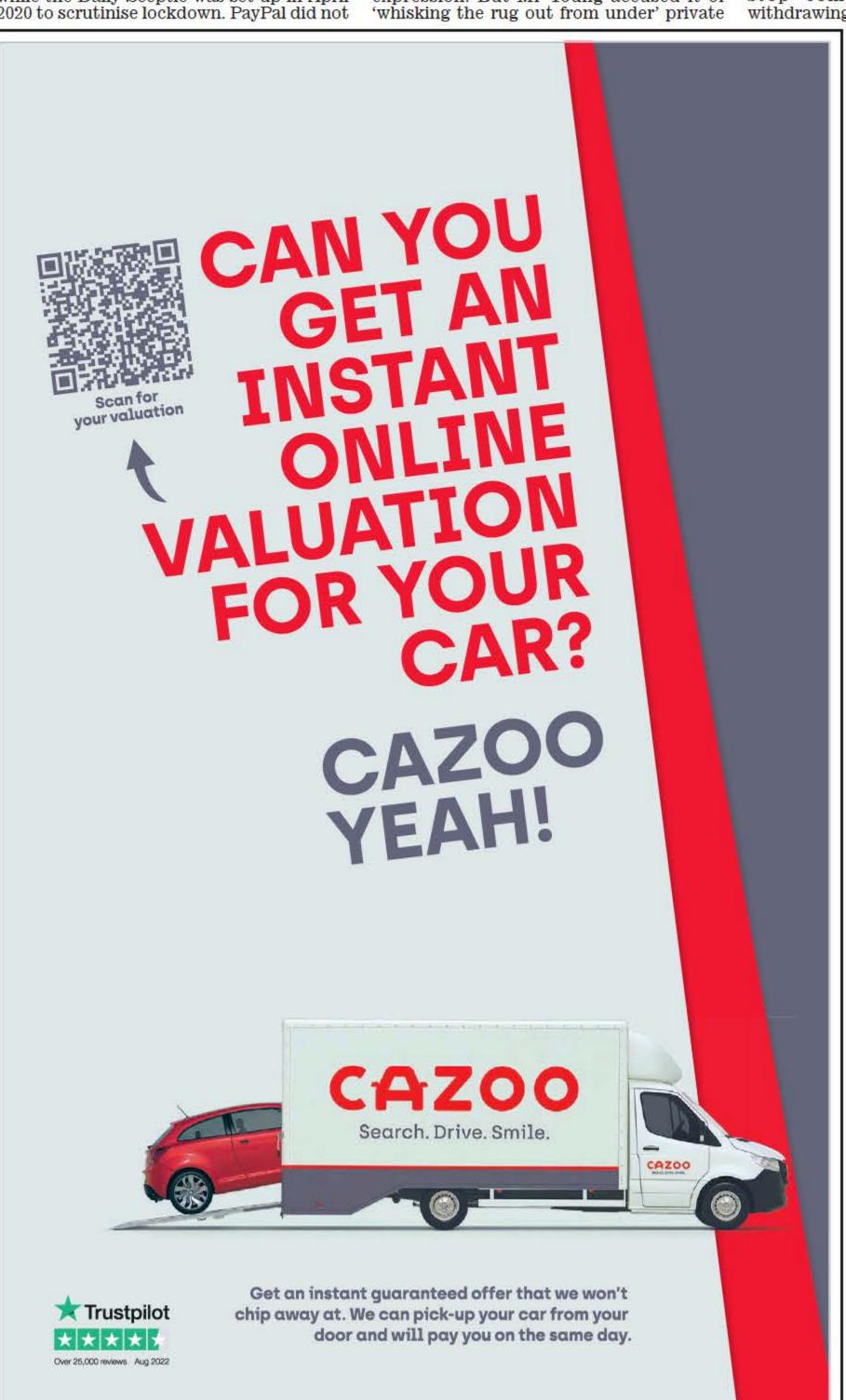
Born down in a dead man's town. And the first kick I took was when I hit the ground.

> Bruce Springsteen, U.S. singer-songwriter

#### **JOKE OF THE DAY**

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## Lady Eliza's pride at being a wallflower

AS THE youngest of the Duke of Rutland's spirited daughters, Lady Eliza Manners is used to being the centre of attention at parties. But the 25year-old interior designer is in danger of blending into the background in this outfit.

She's wearing a floral dress that imitates the decoration at her family's ancestral home in Leicestershire, Belvoir Castle. 'A celebration of this wallpaper, which predates the castle,' explains Lady Eliza. There have been four castles on the site, the present one having been built! between 1801 and 1832.



■ THE glamour quotient will be lacking when next year's Bafta film awards move from the plush Royal Albert Hall to the more utilitarian Royal Festival Hall. Organisers said the shift to London's Southbank Centre will see Bafta programming

'its most ambitious night yet', which will also be 'bolstered by a refreshed production and format'. Refreshed certainly describes the guests stumbling out of the after-party when the Bafta TV awards are held at the venue...

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Eden

In the film written by Richard Curtis, Djalili, 56, made an uncredited cameo as a vendor who sells Will

orange juice that he accidentally spills on Hollywood star Anna (Julia Roberts). 'I had some lines that

(played by Grant) the

were taken out, so it looks like I'm an extra,' says Djalili, who was born in London to Iranian parents. 'I just give Hugh Grant the orange juice.

Leads: Roberts and Grant in the film

## Totting Hill cemented Hugh Grant's reputation as Britain's leading man and helped property prices in the once run-down corner of West London to soar to those of Mayfair or Belgravia. Yet, the comedian Omid Djalili has now slammed the 1999 smash-hit romantic comedy, claiming that ethnic restard a restard now slammed the 1999 smasn-incromantic comedy, claiming that ethnic actors' scenes were axed — and his own role reduced — to make it 'more white'. Djalili, who compered the Platinum Jubilee celebrations for the Queen at the Royal Windsor Horse Show in May, claims: 'Notting Hill, another film I was cut out of, for being too brown. 'Notting Hill was a film where they tried to show the diversity of the Notting Hill area, then [a] producer goes: "We want this to be more white." So they got rid of everyone.'

The only ethnic minority who stayed in the movie was Sanjeev Bhaskar — he had a couple of lines. But, yeah, they whitewashed the film, unfortunately.'

Speaking on Richard Herring's Leicester Square Theatre podcast, Djalili, whose film credits include roles in Gladiator and The Mummy, adds: 'I'm not bitter about it. I'm just saying that as fact.

'You're looking at me like in shock, but they did — it's true, they thought it wasn't white enough.' There has been criticism of the film over the years for failing to reflect the ethnic make-up of the area, which has been at the heart of the West Indian community since the 1950s and home of the Notting Hill Carnival.

Comic Relief co-creator Curtis whose films include Four Weddings And A Funeral, and Bridget Jones's Diary declines to comment.

After the Black Lives Matter protests in 2020, he said: 'I would write different movies now. We are all thinking about things in different ways. We have a really impatient younger generation who are focusing on things I never focused on.'



## Confidential





cess Bea's stepson is clearly enjoying being 'a Barbie girl in the Barbie world'. Architect Dara Huang, who turned 41 yesterday, lived up to the song while at her friends' Barbiethemed party in Italy, complete with a photo booth designed to look like

the box in which the plastic dolls are sold. 'I remember playing Barbie as an Eighties child,' says Dara, who was engaged to property developer Edoardo Mapelli Mozzi, 38. Their six-year-old son, Christopher, known as Wolfie, served as best man at Beatrice's wedding.

■ ALMOST everyone remains awed by the sombre spectacle of the Queen's funeral — except, it seems, one or two of those who were privileged to attend it. Displaying a remarkable lack of tact, as well as Del Boy instincts, they have, I can reveal, decided to tout their copies of the Order of

Service at Westminster Abbey on eBay. One copy is offered for sale at an opening bid of £1,500. The vendor, from Manchester, tells potential buyers: 'I'm selling this on behalf of my mum who attended the queens [sic] funeral.' How sad to sell such a treasure.

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■ QUEEN drummer Roger Taylor has won his battle with conservationists to build a new gatehouse to boost security at his historic £2 million riverside mansion in Cornwall. As I reported in July, Historic England initially said the proposed new building would be 'overly-dominant' and harm the setting of the Grade II-listed house. Taylor then submitted revised plans to the local council, reducing the height and scale, and Historic England withdrew its objections. Officials at Cornwall Council have now given the go-ahead.



### A cool £1m top-up for Kit's kitty

WINTER is coming, but Game Of Thrones actor Kit Harington - whose character Jon Snow uttered those words is well prepared. I hear the baronet's son, 35, made more than £1million in just a year.

Assets in Kit Harington Ltd, which channels his earnings, increased from £123,000 to £1.16 million in the 12 months to March, according to newly published accounts. Harington, who has a 19-month-old son with fellow Thrones star Rose Leslie, 35 (left with Kit), was left with nearly £950,000 in cash in the business after a £195,000 corporation tax bill.



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HEN I was a child, my mother taught me that it was vulgar for a woman to have money.

We were middle-class with no financial concerns - my father had a drycleaning business — but she wouldn't give pocket money to my two sisters or me. Husbands didn't want wives who

were nosy about financial matters. As I grew up, I realised this was just another way of keeping women short of money and therefore power — and it sparked an anger in me that exists to this day; in the week of my 90th birthday, the issue of women and wealth still has me fuming.

Far from sliding into my slippers, my campaigning spirit is as strong as when I led a flaming, torchlit march of 700 women to No 10 in 1969, demanding equal pay. The Equal Pay Act of 1970 was the result.

Looking back on my life, I spent 30 years being ignorant about money; two years in post-divorce penury; 20 years making several million dollars; then another 20 years spending it on one overarching cause — improving the lives of women.

More specifically, I want women to get richer and stay richer. Some may find that distasteful; we are still allergic to the idea of women making a

lot of money.

If you say a man is ambitious, you imagine a godlike figure leading the troops. But a motivated woman is self-serving and cold, unmotherly and probably cruel. Yes, even today.

I experienced great prosperity after my book Lace broke the European record for

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#### FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

a debut novel with a million-dollar advance in 1982. Five other blockbusters followed. I was dizzy with delight but never forgot what it was like when my divorce from Terence Conran in 1962 left me homeless and jobless with two young sons.

The issue of money — or lack of it — is particularly relevant today, when the cost of living threatens to engulf us all.

I know only too well the frozen panic when money runs out. What it's like to turn off the heating all winter, scold children for not switching off lights and fill up on bread and potatoes, never throwing away leftovers which make the soup thicker.

I also know how engaging with financial matters can help in the long run. I feel like shaking young girls and grown women who prefer to stay ignorant about maths and its uses. I've grown tired of 13- and 14-yearolds smugly saying to me: 'The day I leave

school is the day I give up maths.' I growl back: 'The day you leave school is the day you will start to need maths.'

I have devoted the past two decades to the Maths Anxiety Trust, which I founded in 2018 to raise awareness and to develop a series of groundbreaking, free, online maths books for girls.

Looking back over the past 90 years, this is the work I'm most proud of. And where better to raise awareness of this latest campaign than in the pages of my beloved Daily Mail in the Femail section of which I became launch editor back in 1968.

Eyes may glaze over, but the fact is, maths is money. Whatever you do in life, whether you dream of becoming a famous footballer, fashion designer, singer, sailor, doctor, nurse... maths is essential.

Millions of adults in the UK lack basic numeracy skills, with half of those of working age having the maths ability expected of a primary school child. Regardless of income,

they'll feel stressed and insecure about money. I can empathise because I didn't get to grips with figures until my 60s.

My working life began in my late teens, when my father refused to continue paying for my art course because I wouldn't marry the rich man he wanted me to marry. To keep myself at art college for two more years, I started working in London as a photographic model for advertisements.

Then a jewellery firm, Asprey Suchy, asked me if I wanted to be their 'pro'. 'Pro' was what my mother always said when she meant prostitute — a polite woman never mentioned

the word.

I said I would think about it, rushed to ask a friend, 'What's a pro?' and at 19, became an extremely well-paid public relations officer - with an expense account at the Savoy to entertain journalists and give them gold jewellery.

Later, I used those valuable connections after marrying Terence Conran in 1955 to

help him get his furniture business

off the ground.

Terence and I had a lot of fun together but, apart from the infidelities, life became just criticise, criticise, criticise from morning to midnight. It was very wearing.

I said at one point: 'What I don't understand is why you want to stay

married to me.'

He had a good think and then said: 'Because you are a very valuable business asset, because you make me laugh and because I've got used to you, like my old school rug.'

What I wanted him to say was: 'I love you.' And I knew he knew that. So after seven years of marriage, I walked out of our house with a coat and handbag. Luckily, my two young sons were spending Easter with my recently widowed mother in Portsmouth.

It was our divorce in 1962 that really lit the feminist fire in me. It may have been the worst thing that ever happened to me, but it was also the best because it led me to help improve the lives of women.

On a personal level, though, I always wonder whether I should have divorced

Terence - particularly when I consider how it made our sons, Sebastian, then five, and Jasper, one, feel lost and miserable. The impact

lasts to this day.
Mind you, Terence was just as godawful with the rest of his wives, so I think I would have ended up having a serious breakdown if I hadn't left.

Two weeks after I walked out, Terence sacked me from my role as design and sales director of Conran Fabrics. For two months I slept on the sofa at my sister Juliet's small flat until I found a bedsitter. I had a bed, some self-assembly shelving, a folding table, an antique chest for my things and a clothes rail on wheels. That was about it.

I wore a dressing gown over my clothes in the evenings to stay warm. My sons ended up staying with my mother for two years — I visited at weekends.

I remember sitting alone on the corner of the bed one day in cold panic, my arms and legs leaden. Unable to think straight, I was flooded with horror and shock. I had never had no money before.

It makes me tearful even now, recalling my humiliation that my mother was paying for my sons. I never thanked her; I never mentioned it. I think she understood I felt such shame.

I didn't feel OK about it all until I received a letter from her on my 70th birthday, saying I'd dealt very well with the challenges in my life and that she had always been proud of me. It's the most valuable thing I have.

As for the boys, they never treated me differently. At one point, when he was a little older, Jasper commented that it was us three against the world, and it did feel like that.

I scraped and saved so that we could live together again.

My best friend Mary Quant commented that I was so determined.

The whole thing made me wake up to financial reality. Beyond the weekly housekeeping budget I'd had when I was married, I had no idea what things cost. How much did running a home cost? Could I afford a car? (No.) Could we afford to go on holiday? (We stayed with my mother.)

I became fastidious about checking every penny I spent. I scoured every receipt for mistakes and kept a list of any money I got back from being overcharged, say, for a pub meal or a lipstick. The list was on a pink piece of paper pinned to the back of my basement flat front door.

My friends used to laugh at it:

'How's the pink list going?'

They stopped laughing the year the pink list total was bigger than my earnings.

Meanwhile, I became a design consultant at the Daily Mail and went on to launch Femail in 1968. I adored it from the moment I stepped into that office — besides, it was warm and you got free tea.

During my divorce proceedings, I did not apply for alimony because I was earning a living. The judge awarded me full custody of the children and Terence was ordered to pay all costs for them — including the provision of a home - which the judge decided was a total of £37 a month. Clearly, that judge did not know the cost of vests or a jar of marmalade; nor how quickly a growing child's shoes and overcoat would need to be replaced.

My divorce led me to help

improve the

lives of women'

Terence was supposed to provide the boys' school fees. When he failed to pay, I couldn't afford a lawyer, so a friend, the playwright and barris-ter John Mortimer, represented me at no cost.

John knew Terence was by then a rich man

who had all the power to pay what the judge had ordered. But he also had the power *not* to pay it, instead paying for lawyers to keep the case pending for years (a rich man's trick).

As a woman, it was almost impossible for me to get a mortgage, but eventually my mother guaranteed me, so at last I bought our family home from Terence — for three times what he had paid for it - and lived

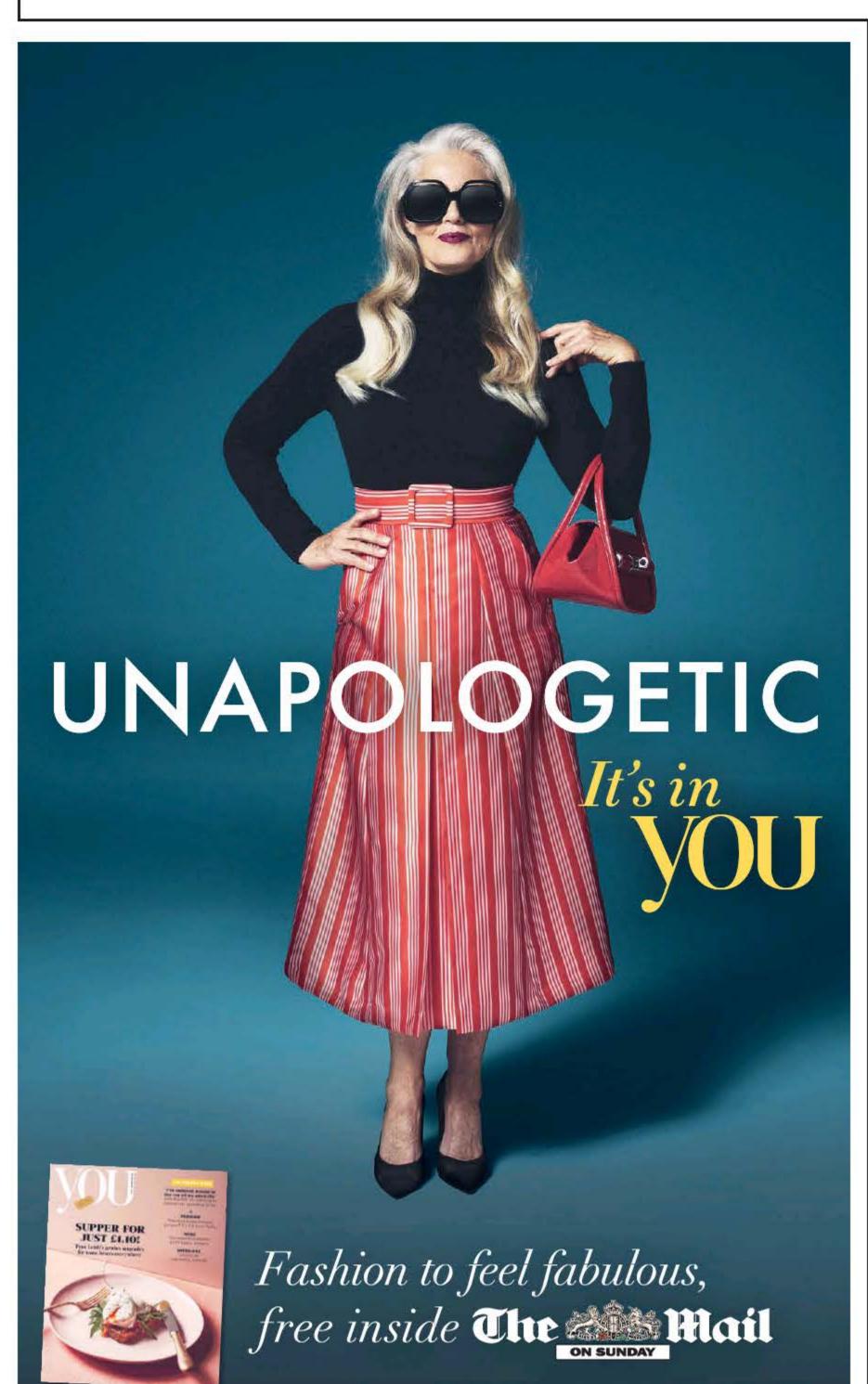
happily with my sons in London. Then, in 1969, I collapsed with viral pneumonia. After a month, I left hospital unable to stand up. I thought I was dying. I could not return to my beloved Daily Mail and I would never be able to work full-time again.

Unable to afford home help, I took notes about the housework and used them to write Superwoman, a guide for the first generation of working mothers. It became a bestseller in 1975, leading to an exhausting book tour - and a diagnosis of ME (chronic fatigue syndrome).

I didn't make much money despite Superwoman's success. I couldn't type, so my typist bills were huge, as were the research costs: hiring plumbers and electricians to show me how to fix things was not cheap.

By this point, my sons were away at design universities. I continued to struggle with my health and, realising I'd probably need expensive medical help for the rest of my life, I decided I had better try to write an international bestseller. A bold ambition considering I'd never written a novel before.

The writer Anthony Burgess persuaded me Monte Carlo was the perfect place to write from. Mary Quant, who had a house in Nice, paid my travel expenses to visit her and





Taking a chance: Shirley Conran in Monaco, where she wrote her bestseller Lace

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then on to visit Anthony and his wife in Monaco, where I found, to my astonishment, that wonderful, sunny flats cost very little at that time.

I saw my chance: I sublet my basement flat in London for £135 a week and took a £35-a-week Monte Carlo studio flat with a big balcony that overlooked the sea. Every Monday, I bought a roast chicken from the street market and ate my way through it during the week, leg by leg.

I was anxious throughout the 18 months it took to write Lace because I knew I might never find a publisher. Luckily, it sold to Simon & Schuster in 1982 — with film rights — for a million dollars.

For one year I was the lead author at one of the world's top publishers, which came as much as a surprise as a relief. With success came touring, though, which I grew to loathe.

You got up at 5am to be rushed off to breakfast TV, followed by local interviews, radio and afternoon TV, until you just caught a plane by 7pm with the hope of reaching your hotel in the next town by midnight.

You were allowed Sundays off but all you did was flop on the bed all day, trying to phone your family in a different time zone. What do bestselling international authors talk about to each other? How much they hate touring.

I loved meeting adventurous Judith Krantz, who was very funny; I was already friends with Barbara Taylor Bradford and her delightful, clever husband; but the most impressive author I met was beautiful Jackie Collins.

I had dismissed her as someone

who wrote characters called Evangelista or Tempestua, but Jackie was highly intelligent and gave me a lot of good financial advice — as did Barbara

For too long we've accepted our aversion to money'

Taylor Bradford. We'd talk about everything except the books we were writing; we weren't even allowed to mention the title. In fact, at one point, Jackie and I were unknowingly both writing books called Revenge.

I was made to call mine The Revenge Of Mimi Quinn because Jackie sold more books internationally; in all, Jackie wrote 32 bestselling novels to my six.

When Warner Brothers paid me an advance of \$600,000 (£512,910) to write my first screenplay, Savages, Jackie predicted they would never make the film because it was too anti-men. She was right, they didn't.

Having money brought new problems that I don't expect anyone to sympathise with: tax demands, accountants, lawyers, business consultants, pensions advisers, bankers... I was at their mercy.

That million dollars was disappearing fast. And I couldn't understand why.

When I timidly told people I didn't understand money, they told me to read newspaper City columns until I did understand.

Twelve years later, I still didn't get it, so I decided to teach myself. I used simple books and learned bit by bit.

After that, I decided I had better research and write books aimed at girls and women about maths and money — something I simply couldn't find at the time.

Money Stuff, a free, online, simple maths course which includes budgeting and basic bookkeeping, is the result. During

my research, I discovered that in the 17th century, the Church encouraged doctors to tell parents not to allow their daughters to study maths because it might shrivel their wombs and they wouldn't be able to have children. A powerful deterrent.

This notion that maths is a male subject persists to this day. How often have you heard a girl say: 'I'm hopeless at maths'?

Covid home-learning awakened many parents to our collective maths problem — they saw close-up how badly their children were doing. And they also realised that it's not the children at fault, but the teaching and our attitudes.

For too long, we've accepted women's aversion to money. I'm sure this is part of the reason why in the top 100 British businesses, nine CEOs are women and 91 are men.

That shows two things — who has the power, and that at least nine women made it to the top, so it is absolutely possible.

I am in the process of working on two further free online maths books to help more girls reach those fabulous top salaries.

Never mind 'life's too short to stuff a mushroom'. These days I say: 'Life's too short to be short of money.'

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#### by Georgina **Fuller**

ING. 'Does anyone know if our "Meet The Teachers" session is tonight or tomorrow?' Frantically I rummage in the cupboard for a raincoat my eight-year-old hasn't grown out of over the summer.

Ping. 'I put it in my diary last term. It's

definitely tonight.

My ten-year-old can't find the sparkly water bottle with his initials on. Where have I put it? He hates the other one.

Yet another ping. 'No, it's tomorrow. I've got the letter here. Hang on, I'll take a picture of it. Here you go.'

Ping, ping, ping.

With just three minutes to go until we need to leave for the school run, my youngest son wants help with his laces and my daughter's hair looks like a bird's nest.

Oh, and I have 25 unread messages on my phone.

Welcome to the worst thing about being a mother near the start of a new term: the relentless tyranny of the school WhatsApp group.

A communal chat linking parents who have children in the same class should be a godsend. But more often than not, the stream of pointless, daft, hectoring or passive-aggressive messages makes me want to tear my hair out.

During the first few weeks back, it reaches fever pitch, with an avalanche of messages arriving before I've even had my first cup of tea.

There are 24 pings about Bikeability ('Are they meant to be wearing PE kit to

#### Tve made three cakes, who else is bringing one?'

do it?' 'Did you not see the letter about it? Has anyone got a spare bike Freddie can use?'), which, as my autistic son can't even ride a bike, really grate.

Later on, a cardigan is left at school. Big mistake.

'Has anyone seen Milly's red cardigan?

It's brand new.'

Around 30 unhelpful replies in the negative ending with, 'Hope you find it', follow in quick succession. Why can't they just reply privately?

The urgent flurry continues with questions about the second-hand uniform sale, how to sign up for dance club, who is ill that day, what the login is for Microsoft Teams and so on and on, into the black hole of eternity.

My husband, Dom, has somehow managed to dodge joining any of these groups and, after years of school runs, still doesn't know anyone's names anyway. Ignorance is bliss as far as he is concerned.

The pecking order and hierarchy of mums takes me, with a shudder, back to my own school days.

There's the PTA mum, or 'class rep', who always organises the teacher's present (for which I am genuinely, if begrudgingly, grateful) and who knows everyone and everything. She photographs letters and emails from the school and sends them to the group.

She is the CEO of the class mums and dads and I am secretly envious of her. She takes it upon herself, unbidden, to remind us lesser mortals of upcoming events.

'Don't forget your children are supposed to wear yellow and blue today to support Ukraine!' PTA mum messages just as I am shoving my kids out the door in their usual Time-wasting whinges from other parents. Patronising PTA reminders. And irritating pleas for Milly's lost cardie...

Spare methe the school WhatsAbb group! dad (sorry, dads) who never knows what's going on — 'When did they change the uniform?!' and whom the PTA mum takes under her wing.

uniforms. 'And there's tea and cake in the hall after school to raise funds. I've just made a carrot cake and a couple of banana loaves. Who else is bringing one?' she trills.

Then there is the mum who is never happy with anything and who uses the group to vent her concerns. Her messages usually start with a crisp, 'I'm not being funny, but...' and end with an, 'I'm going to make a complaint.'

As in: 'I'm not being funny, but does anyone know why they've stopped letting the kids take snacks in? Leticia hates those rice cakes they've been giving them. I'm going to make a complaint.'

Every now and then the school gets wind of her latest gripe and includes in the newsletter a snarky note about speaking to the heroic school secretary if parents have any concerns.

There are also the parents whose

kids are always ill. 'Horatio has a temperature of 40c. Do you think I

should still send him in?' A lengthy debate on the pros and cons of Calpol and details of Rebecca's sickness bug follows.

All before 7.30am. There is the mum who uses the chat as an emotional support group. An aggrieved Mumsnetter described one parent's messages as being 'like a Greek tragedy', with dozens of posts about how fast their child is growing up and how she is not ready for it.

And let's not forget the ghost parents you have never heard of and who you never see at school. Their questions create an almost audible eyeroll from the group.

'Do you know what time school finishes today?'

Er, 3:30pm, the same as every other day.

And there's the odd clueless

One friend told me of a vocal antivaxxer mum who tried to organise a protest outside school during the Covid jab roll-out, which caused a furore on Facebook and led to an intervention from the head.

Another friend told me about the time a mum of a child in her sixyear-old's class accidentally posted very risqué bikini shots from her holiday in Marbella, much to the joy of the token dad in the group.

'If I'm allowed to say it, you're looking mighty fine, Sasha."

In any less frantic existence, this rich tapestry of humanity would be amusing. But, most of the time, I'm simply too busy and too knackered to appreciate it.

Instead, something which should connect time-stretched mums and create a sense of community and camaraderie simply becomes another source of resentment and frustration, one more distraction.

So it's no wonder that there are sub-groups, set up in secret usually to rant about one particular mother who's annoyed everyone, or to arrange clandestine pub trips.

'Why does she think it's OK to order us all to bring in cakes? Does she think we've got nothing better to do?!' they lament over a bottle of Sauvignon Blanc.

Good for them. But the parents who truly leave me in awe are the ones who abruptly leave the group without so much as a parting shot. When I pounced on one such brave soul at the school gates the other day to tell her how much I admired her, she shrugged nonchalantly.

'What pushed you over the edge?' I asked.

'Well, put it this way, I couldn't give a toss about Rosie losing

#### 'His temperature is 40c - should Istill send him in?'

her PE skirt for the fourth time, or the cryptic message Sarah deleted before anyone could screenshot it and ask, "Are you OK, hun?",' she replied.

Well, quite. I wish I could do the same. But the thing is, and here is my confession, every now and then I'm the hapless one who needs to beg for spare carrots for Charlie to take to food tech. Or who simply cannot find the email which confirmed what time the coach is returning from that sports match.

With three kids at two different schools, I can't always keep up particularly at the start of the year. And for every 300 messages that make me want to lob my phone at the wall, there will be one or two that are invaluable.

So I'm stuck in this purgatory until my final child leaves school, years from now.

In the meantime, there is one source of solace to keep me sane: the mute button.

I thought Glasto

headliners had

to be talented

aren't performers on the Pyramid Stage meant to be the best of the best - Paul McCartney, Robert Plant, Alison

Krauss, Johnny Cash, Adele — and not a manufactured band put together to make a quick buck

If it happens, I doubt Posh will wanna, wanna take part. Then, she can't sing anyway. No loss.

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developed for women? And, honestly, would you trust a man

contraception have been

who says he's had the jab?

be used by men is said to be only a

for music promoters?

THE Spice Girls are set to head-

line Glaston-

bury next year. Really? It's 26 years since Girl

Power was the thing. Bit outdated now, and

## Muray

# The Royals will regret choosing to humiliate Harry...

Jenni

RULY I did not expect to find myself feeling desperately sorry for Prince Harry. Yet as the days of mourning for his beloved grandmother passed by, this young man appeared to suffer humiliation after humiliation.

Grief, shame and anger passed continuously across his face and I could only pity a man who still, to me, seems to be the child who followed his mother's coffin in the full glare of public attention.

All seemed hopeful at the beginning. He had already been in the

country that was, and I suspect at heart still is, his home.

He did not receive the news of his grandmother's death as quickly as the rest of the immediate family. He was still in the air on his way to Balmoral, but he was told as soon as was possible, certainly before

the news was made public. He was with his closest relatives to share their immediate grief.

The following day, his father, now King Charles III, made a moving and heartfelt speech to the nation. He shared his feelings 'of profound sorrow' over the death of the Queen. He announced the elevation of his son and heir, Prince William, and his wife, Kate, to their new titles as Prince and Princess of Wales and said: 'I also want to express my love for Harry and Meghan as they continue to build

their lives overseas.' It was more, I'm sure, than many expected given Meghan's continued critique of the Royal Family and the concerns about what might be revealed in the Prince's autobiography. Charles did emphasise their choice to leave their lives as working royals and live overseas, but he used the word 'love' and that is not a trivial word to be denied or dismissed.

I have not always been complimentary about Harry, since he married a woman whose fame had come from a TV series and who now appeared to me to have landed a starring role beyond her wildest dreams.

He should never have been persuaded to take part in interviews with Oprah Winfrey, critical magazine coverage, silly podcasts and tell-all memoirs boosting his and his wife's earning power while undermining the reputation of his family.

But now here he was, grieving for his grandmother and experiencing the real power and admiration that being a close member of the late Queen's family might afford him.

Harry was here to take a full part in mourning for the Queen, but I cannot understand why a father who declared his love so openly.

and so dearly longed for reconciliation between his two sons, would have spent the days after the death of his mother exposing his second \( \mathbb{Z} \) son to constant humiliation.

Clearly there were conventions that the 'men in suits' would want followed. No uniforms to be worn by non-working royals was the most obvious.

UT Charles is King. Within royal protocol, he has all the power. He could have allowed Harry, like his brother William, to wear the uniform of the regiment for which he fought so proudly during two terms of military service in Afghanistan.

Harry served for ten years in the British Army. His uniform was not gained as a gift from the Queen in recognition of non-active leadership of a particular regiment.

It was earned through real



bravery, real fighting. He has not had his status as a working royal taken away against his will, in the way his Uncle Andrew has. He has not been closely involved with a convicted paedophile. He is merely a romantic lad who fell in love and allowed himself to be led by his wife. There's no crime in that.

And yet we watched him burn with embarrassment as he was forced to grieve, on public show, with his medals pinned to a morning suit.

He and his wife appeared to have been uninvited from a Buckingham Palace reception during the mourning period. The Prince of Wales and his wife had been there. We watched the pain on his face as the procession passed the Cenotaph and, while his father and brother, in uniform, were allowed to salute, he was not.

A mere nod of the head had to suffice for a young man who, alone of the three, has seen death and destruction on the battlefield.

On the one occasion he was allowed to wear uniform, as he stood with his brother in vigil in Westminster Hall, he found the Queen's initials EIIR had been removed from his shoulder. They were still present on his brother's coat. When it came to the day of

Remember who always ends up holding the baby! the funeral services, there were more seemingly petty insults. Why were Harry and Meghan not seated at the front along with the King, the Queen Consort, the Prince and Princess of Wales and

their children? Why were they stuck on the row behind the King in the Abbey, out of the way and, in Meghan's case, in Windsor, hidden behind a

huge candle? The King, on the whole, behaved impeccably throughout the past week, giving beautiful speeches and holding himself together, apart from a couple of understandably tetchy incidents involving pens.

But if it's true that Camilla can always calm him down and give good advice, she needs to remind him that a good parent must never favour one child over another.

If Charles wants to see reconciliation between his two boys, he must welcome the prodigal son fully into the family and treat them both as equals.

I did, by the way, see Harry singing God Save The King through gritted teeth — but who can blame him?



Bravery of 'Dolly Partonski' I'M IN awe at the courage of speaking out against 'the death of our boys for illusory the woman dubbed Russia's equivalent of Dolly Parton, goals that are making our

arguably the most famous star in the country.

Alla Pugacheva has fans in the upper echelons of society, including Putin himself.

Or used to. She has dared to criticise his war in Ukraine, bravely country a pariah and weighing down on the lives of our citizens'.

Given the dire consequences others have faced for criticising Putin, I hope Alla survives — and that Putin eventually sees sense.

A PHOTO from one very proud mother of her son in his first white coat as he begins his medical training in Lviv. Ustym looks happier than I've ever seen him. Home where he believes he belongs. Hope Zoriana, also in Lviv until her son settles in, then returning to me as a refugee, is as happy as he is.

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#### I'm being skinny shamed -do I need to gain weight?

I HAVE a healthy diet and love to exercise, yet I find it hard to keep weight on. I am at the lower end of normal when it comes to BMI, at 19. But I dislike being 'bony' - I've experienced my share of skinny shaming! Friends and family tell me to 'just have a burger' or 'consider yourself lucky', but this really doesn't help.

Junk food leaves me feeling sluggish. I love fresh, nutritious food but just can't seem to get enough calories from my diet.

How can I put on weight in a healthy way, without resorting to cakes, crisps and biscuits?

YOUR weight is in the normal and healthy range, and it is not OK for anyone to be made to feel bad about themselves. Your BMI (a measure of your weight for your height) is above 18.5, which is when doctors may start to get concerned.

Having a BMI below this does not necessarily mean you have a health problem, but it can increase your risk of problems like osteoporosis, fertility difficulties or poor immunity.

I can empathise, because I am also on the slim side. Like you I don't fancy piling into thick-crust pizzas, sugar-sweetened drinks and doughnuts, for although junk food can help put on weight, it will go to the wrong places and get stored as unhealthy tummy fat.

This increases your risk of heart disease, cancer and type 2 diabetes. Eating more junk food is also likely to make you depressed. So how can you increase your

weight without compromising your health? Here are some tips: ■ EAT 100-120g high-quality protein daily in the form of eggs, meat, oily fish, legumes, tofu and dairy. This is key to maintaining a healthy immune system and strong, healthy muscles. Combining a higher protein diet

with resistance exercises will build

■ EVERYONE knows oily fish is good for you —
unless when pregnant. Then
you're told to eat no more
than two portions of fish such as trout and mackerel each week as these can contain pollutants, which may harm the baby. But the risk is very small and far outweighed by the benefits, according to a study of more than 4,000 women. Jean Golding, co-author and emeritus professor of paediatric and perinatal epidemiology at the University of Bristol, said 'there is evidence... that such advice can cause confusion'. She said advice should change from eating 'no more than' to 'at least' two portions of fish a week, one of which should be oily.

muscle mass. If you find it hard to hit these protein targets with food alone, consider adding highquality protein shakes.

■ INCREASE your consumption of complex carbs, such as wholegrains, beans, pulses, nuts and vegetables, including root vegetables such as sweet potatoes.

■ BUMP up the flavours to make food more interesting — this will encourage you to eat more.

■ IF YOU feel full quickly, have smaller meals more often and eat at least three times a day. Snack on nuts, seeds, cheese or fruit.

■ ADD energy-dense foods such as olive oil, full-fat milk, full-fat Greek yoghurt, dried fruit, avocados, hummus, peanut butter and dark chocolate

■ DRINK calories. Add a nutritious low-sugar smoothie with plenty of protein and natural fat, such as milk and peanut butter.

■ AVOID drinking water before a meal. This can fill you up.

■ GET enough sleep and manage stress - both can reduce appetite, as does smoking.

The challenge is to be in the middle or near the lower range of BMI for your health. If you have sudden unintended weight loss, contact a health professional to exclude a medical cause.

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ND just like that, cowboy boots are back at the top of the fashion charts. You can, if you are old enough to remember the 1970s, chart your life in cowboy boots, from Lauren Hutton via Princess Diana and Madonna to now. They were the big hit of the summer at festivals and they're here to stay.

Cowboy boots have something that appeals to every generation; they are touched with the

#### by Shane Watson

romance of the Wild West and — together with fringed suede jackets and leather trousers have acquired a kind of rock 'n' roll rebel cachet. And they're practical.

If you're drooling over the black-and-white Mango pair, you're a young fashionista; those of us old enough to remember TV western Alias Smith And Jones are eyeing up the Penelope Chilvers suede ankle boots.

All of a sudden, cowboy boots just make

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#### Feed gut bacteria to ward off colds



WINTER is coming — the peak season for colds. So now is the time to bolster your immunity by nourishing the 'good' bacteria in your gut. A Mediterranean diet provides many of the vitamins and minerals your immune system needs, plus twice the fibre of a more processed Western diet. Think warming tomato and bean soup and grain-filled salads. You can also top up your good bacteria with probiotic supplements.

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## WNTOHIGHFASHION



e combination of durability and (the embroidery, tooling, different eathers) is right in keeping with the bod in fashion, which is: 'This has to but let it be a bit fabulous.'

wear yours depends on you. Diana into baggy jeans and a baseball cap ook now); Madonna wore hers steelder boot-cut flares with a plaid shirt ded belt. And if you were an early is summer, you'd have worn cowboy dresses or jeans because they're he heat and dust and dirt (of course ney're built for cowboys). Goodness

knows they are not always comfortable. Back in the day, when you bought your first pair (at R. Soles on London's King's Road, if you were making the trip to the mecca of the originals) they gave you slippery plastic bags to wear on your feet to ease them on, and you went home in them with no thought of how to take them off later (definitely a two-person job).

The leather is more forgiving now and, in the case of Stella McCartney's new-season cowboy boots, they're not leather at all and pull on like stretchy socks, so that's progress.

McCartney, like Chloe and Celine and all the leading designers, has spotted the potential of cowboy boots to put new pep into autumn tailoring. These boots are tougher and more badass than your regular boot, so they automatically add a bit of edge, but they can also be sleek and grown-up.

Most of us will take the chic and easy route and go for black or shiny black with a bit of tooling — short or long. And you're perfectly safe wearing them with double denim, by the way — just don't add a lariat or a Stetson.

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HINK you don't have enough time for a beauty treatment? Think again. The latest products promise to give you everything from manicures and facials to fake tans and deeply conditioned hair—in 60 seconds or less.

But can you really achieve the sort of results you would get after hours in a spa or salon? **CLAIRE COLEMAN** put the one-minute-or-less wonders to the test...

#### THE EIGHT-SECOND SALON SMOOTHER

L'Oréal Elvive Colour Protect 8 Second Wonder Water, £9.99, Boots

**THEY SAY:** Transform your lengths in just eight seconds. Powered by lamellar water technology, the lightweight formula instantly helps nourish hair.

WE SAY: The original version of this, Dream Lengths, became an instant cult product when it was launched in the UK last year. This is a new version for colour-treated hair. It's a thin, rinse-out liquid that you apply to lengths and ends, post-shampoo and pre-conditioner. (It's a bit tricky to apply evenly as it's so watery, and you might get better results if you decant it into a mister.) It warms up on contact, and uses a technology that forms thin layers on the hair to smooth it, giving

a shiny glass-like finish that devotees rave about.

TIME CHECK: You need to use the product liberally, but there's no question it almost instantly detangles and smooths wet hair. You'll get the best results with straight hair, or if you blow-dry hair afterwards.

#### SPEEDY FACIAL DOES THE JOB

Kaplan MD Diamond Contour 1 Minute Facial, £30, qvcuk.com

**THEY SAY:** A revolutionary new 4-in-1 facial treatment clinically proven to improve texture, plumpness, radiance and rejuvenation.

WE SAY: Designed to be massaged into skin for 30 seconds then left for 30 seconds more before rinsing off. This fine, gritty gel has all the ingredients to give skin an exfoliating polish, thanks to pineapple and papaya enzymes, alongside diamond and bamboo powders. It definitely made my skin feel smoother and more rejuvenated — although it was hard to tell whether the resulting tingle was down to the enzymes or the peppermint extract.

TIME CHECK: As a one-minute morning kickstart, this can't be faulted. It left my skin feeling softer and smoother. I didn't notice it was significantly more plump, but over time I imagine it would improve radiance. Daily use might be too much for sensitive skins.

#### SUPER-QUICK SELF TAN

10 Second Tan Self Tanning Mousse, £18.95,

tanning mousse. Easy to apply with an instant colour guide and

super-quick drying. Available in

Medium, Dark and Ultra Dark.

WE SAY: I applied the Dark shade using the brand's tanning mitt

A host of clever products claim to work in just 60 seconds. So which of them really are...



## Beauty's new

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(£11.95), which is one of the best I've used — velvety soft, and shaped like a proper mitten with space for the thumb. The incredibly lightweight mousse was easy to spread and was absorbed almost instantly. On my olive skin, the guide colour was subtle so it was hard to see where it had been

applied. Eight hours later, it was still subtle, but, impressively, entirely streak-free.

TIME CHECK: Under 60 seconds might be optimistic for a full-body tan, but I covered both legs within a minute. Next time I might try the Ultra Dark shade.

#### ...AND FAKE TAN REMOVER

Rose & Caramel Purity 60 Second Self Tan Removing Scrub, £29.99, roseandcaramel.co.uk

**THEY SAY:** Remove your fake tan in 60 seconds with 'viral worthy' results (many videos online show it working).

WE SAY: This scrub, which works best on dry skin, is applied, left for a minute then buffed off using an exfoliating mitt or damp flannel.

Despite rave reviews online, I approached this with scepticism as I've never found a fake tan remover that works effectively without it feeling like a scouring brush. But this was staggering. It dissolves the fake tan — without damaging my skin at all.

TIME CHECK: Darker tans might

need the scrub to be left on for longer, but 60 seconds was enough to remove my subtle glow. Yes it takes a little longer than a minute by the time you've applied then removed it, but it's a good result.

#### SOFT AND SILKY HANDS IN A JIFFY

L'Occitane One-Minute Hand Scrub, £17, uk.loccitane.com

**THEY SAY:** Reveal soft hands in one minute. Formulated with crushed walnut husks and shea butter.

WE SAY: Scrubbing your hands seems like one of those beauty tasks you never quite have time for. But maybe it's worth a minute's work. Apply this scrub to dry hands and massage in and feel the rich cream being absorbed as the minute ticks by. After 60 seconds, all the shea butter and apricot oil has vanished and you're left with just the scrubby bits. After a rinse, hands felt soft, moisturised and silky.

TIME CHECK: Even if you just scrubbed for 50 seconds and spent ten seconds rinsing, you'd get a great result. It can be used just as effectively on dry heels, knees and

elbows and might well become my go-to, pre-shower scrub.

#### IN-A-HURRY HAIR DETANGLER

Tresemmé Keratin Smooth 1 Minute Wow Treatment, £2.49, superdrug.com

THEY SAY: Intensive conditioning treatment, with hydrolysed keratin and pro-bond complex for easier detangling and smoother hair.

WE SAY: This can be used in place of a conditioner or as an additional step. To give it the best chance of success, I used it after my usual shampoo and conditioner. My hair was easier to comb and smoother after rinsing, but I'm not sure my hair was smoother once dried.

TIME CHECK: Apart from the name, it's hard to see how this distinguishes itself from any other conditioning treatment or mask. Maybe if I'd blow-dried my hair afterwards, rather than letting it dry naturally, I may have seen more lasting results.

#### FRESH MANICURE IN 60 SECONDS

Rimmel London 60 Seconds Super Shine Nail Polish, £3.99, superdrug.com

**THEY SAY:** Glide on one stroke of this quick-dry nail polish for precise application and high-impact colour in 60 seconds flat.

**WE SAY:** Available in 46 colours, there's something for everyone here. I tried Coralicious, a deep pinky red. This is brilliant — the

quick-drying formula really does only need one coat. The key to swift application is the wide, flat brush, which helps apply the colour to the whole nail in a single stroke, and minimises the chance of painting skin by mistake.

TIME CHECK: It took me 40 seconds to do the nails on my left hand, which needed about 75 seconds to dry enough not to smudge. This won't replace a proper manicure but, at a pinch, you could have both hands polished, glossy and dry in under three minutes.

#### CLEVER CREAM TO FIX FRIZZ — FAST

Color Wow One Minute Transformation Styling Cream, from £9, uk.colorwowhair.com

THEY SAY: This anti-frizz treatment can be used in one minute on dry hair. Fixes frizz on the spot — or for a more polished look, wrap sections around a brush and hit for 15 seconds with a hot hairdryer.

WE SAY: Most smoothing serums and oils need to be used on wet hair so finding an emergency repair product that can be used on dry is a boon. There's a balance to be struck though — too little and it's ineffective; too much and hair can feel greasy. It worked better when used with a bristle brush to distribute the product. It was most effective when used with the dryer.

TIME CHECK: Even when using a hairdryer, you can smooth a large section of hair in under a minute. Depending on how thick and unruly your hair, you might need a few minutes to do your whole head. While this can take you from tousled to tamed, it can't transform you from rough to mirror shine, so manage your expectations.

## The end of the kitchen island? Good riddance to a ghastly waste of space

O THE kitchen island has finally been knocked off its perch as a domestic status symbol. I'm utterly thrilled — I've always loathed them. Why? Because they're the epitome of style over substance, routinely inefficient and potentially dangerous.

Oversized oases stranded in the middle of a kitchen, often surrounded by a couple of bottom-crunching, back-crippling bar stools — aka adult highchairs — with the obligatory integrated bookshelf or wine rack, and housing a sink or a hob.

They are a sort of too-high kitchen prep table that you can't stretch your legs out beneath. Often costing tens of thousands of pounds, they became considered the height of kitchen sophistication somewhere at the

beginning of the Noughties. Their popularity came in tandem with the dissolution of the dining room. As open-plan living became the dream, walls tumbled down all over the home, and anyone who could afford to do so converted Victorian side returns into oversized kitchencum-dining-cum-family rooms, often leaving front rooms completely abandoned in the process.

Units customarily ran around the edges of these bright new super-spaces and the ubiquitous showpiece island was marooned in the centre.

It was all part and parcel of the 'new' relaxed way to live. No more

#### Kitchens with comfy corners are taking over

barriers between rooms! No cook wilfully abandoned to servitude, or hidden away from view!

It was about 'facing' the room as you chopped because kitchens were becoming trendy. Gimmicks and gadgets such as steam ovens, breadmakers and spiralisers were placed proudly on display.

And an enormous kitchen island to house it all — or even two for those truly set on one-upmanship was therefore the ultimate finishing touch.

Until now. Recent trend reports suggest looser, country-style kitchens replete with ornamentation and comfy corners are taking over, leaving over-regimented units with matching kitchen islands in their wake.

This is good. For if my career in creative interiors has taught me anything, it's that the most efficient way to cook is with fridge, prep area, stove and sink in a line, allowing you to move seamlessly,





## by Michelle Ögundehin

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and safely, from one zone to the other.

With an island, you are perpetually lifting hot or heavy pans, boiling water or wet veg across an aisle. Dangerous if you have small children or pets who have an uncanny knack of appearing when and where least expected.

And the increasingly inclusive nature of our kitchens means that, unless you are supremely disciplined, such islands become magnets for admin, toys, dirty stuff and more, all of which has no place

in a hygienic food prep area.

Worst of all, they have become very much about conspicuous display. Look at my marble frontage, my book-matched stone, my immaculate (not for long) stainless steel surfaces.

I've even seen an entirely mirrorclad kitchen island — worse than stainless steel to keep clean! And another shaped like a sort of futuristic sci-fi sculpture.

The size and extravagance of the island bears little relation to how

often the owner actually cooks. For while we all adore Bake Off, the truth is, most recipes go untested, and many of us are raptly watching Stanley Tucci tour the gastronomic hotspots of Italy while tucking into microwaved dinners balanced on our laps. It is all so desperately unnecessary. Not to forget, expensive.

And yet there are entire magazines devoted to the pursuit of the latest kitchen trends as if their readers update theirs every season.

Home-cooking is an intensely worthwhile pursuit - never more so than when prices are escalating — but a lot of this was translating into the purchase of unnecessary gadgets, alongside the elevation of the kitchen to domestic trophy.

And so, we find ourselves at a crossroads. And yet, the purpose of the kitchen itself is, and always has been, really very simple.

A kitchen needs to house the means to store, prepare and cook food, and to clear everything away afterwards. It might also accommodate laundry, but anything more is superfluous and mere whimsy. It's time we returned to a more pragmatic focus on function.

Certainly, our kitchens should feel fully integrated within our homes as a whole. I say yes to some shelving or display space to accommodate knick-knacks or artwork.

Yes to colour, wallpaper, patterned tiles, cushions and comfort. Yes to twice as much storage

## They became a dumping ground for clutter

and double the sockets you ever think you'll need. Yes to built-in herb containers, hobs and extractor hoods.

But no, just no, to the island. If you're planning a kitchen from scratch, it helps to start by telling the truth.

How much do you actually cook? Do you regularly make meals from scratch or tend to order in takeaways or dine out? Do you work with a vast array of ingredients or stick to just a few favourites? Do

you love to host dinner parties, or is this just a dream?

Before having children, I would regularly spend all day on meal prep for a dinner party for ten, but these days I'm more likely to be making routine suppers for the kids or sharing a pot of tea and cake with a friend.

There's no judgment on any of the above — only the acceptance of reality, so you get a kitchen that actually fits your life now.

An L-shaped or galley layout will always be the most efficient, which is what I have at home. And with the galley, have storage on one side and the sink, prep space and hob on the other.

There's a wealth of amazing worktop surfaces available these days, from easy clean and lightweight ceramics that look like solid stone, to wood and even copper, which is naturally antimicrobial.

For the cupboard fronts, anything goes (apart from mirror or stainless if you value your sanity).

Don't fear colour, either — my heart dreams of a glossy pale yellow kitchen, so that might be where I'm headed soon.

Updating your cupboard doors is one of the easiest ways to give any kitchen a fast new look. Switch in new handles and your update might well be complete. No island required.

And if you want a large, multipurpose work surface to gather around in your kitchen, might I

suggest a table?

## Rainey

TEP inside Aldi and you may be intent on picking up cut-price butter, bargain baked beans and good-value veg. But should you wander down the now

infamous middle aisle, you — like millions of others — could find yourself distracted by brilliant deals on a motley, but surprisingly upmarket, range of products.

A pastel-coloured cake mixer for less than £50. A Le Creuset-style casserole dish for under £20. Not to mention a Wellington boot stand, and presents for everyone from your mum to your son for

no more than a few pounds... Desirable buys like these have made the middle aisle a magnet for the middle class, helping the German retailer become the UK's fourth-biggest supermarket. Thirty-two years since it launched in the UK, Aldi has joined the ranks of Tesco, Sainsbury's and Asda as one of the 'Big Four' retailers.

The aisle branded 'Specialbuys' — with its eclectic, ever-changing bargains, from ski jackets to riding boots, TVs to kitchenware — is where the supermarket truly undercuts its rivals.

So where do Aldi's Specialbuys come from, and why can't customers resist them? SARAH RAINEY bumps shoulders with the yummy mummies in the middle aisle to find out...

#### **AN ALADDIN'S CAVE OF BRITISH BUYS**

WHEN Aldi's first British store opened in Birmingham in April 1990, the middle aisle was simply an 'Aladdin's cave-type muddle' says Paul Stainton, UK partner at the consultancy IPLC, who worked on Aldi's buying team from 1989 to 2020.

'It was anything we thought might sell, anything that was a bit quirky and would stand out on the shelves.

It's a far cry from today's Specialbuys, which have well-heeled customers flocking to stores in the way they once did to a John Lewis or Selfridges sale.

Today, Paul says, the middle aisle 'has become a much bigger beast', while Aldi ditched its Germanic roots in favour of a British makeover. It trumpets a partnership with our Olympic and Paralympic teams, and Union Flags appear in its stores, alongside banners reading: 'Championing Great British quality.'

'We trust local. If it's made elsewhere and it's cheap that makes people suspicious, whereas if it's cheap and made here, it is seen as a bargain,' says Dr Cathrine Jansson-Boyd, an associate professor in consumer psychology at Anglia Ruskin University.

The store was quick to adapt to British tastes, and the middle aisle is just as sensitive to customers' desires. 'It's carefully thought-out, carefully constructed,' says Paul.

'Initially, we struggled to shift furniture — it was impossible for customers to get chests of drawers and garden tables into their cars. So we stopped selling that until we went online.'

This adaptability is a big reason for Aldi's success, says Dr Amna Khan, a retail expert at Manchester Metropolitan University. 'It fails fast,' she says. 'And if things don't work, it moves on quickly."

That's why Specialbuys are never stocked for more than a few weeks customers know they have to snap them up now, or miss out.

#### **MUST-HAVES FIT** FOR ALL SEASONS

TO THE untrained eye, items in the middle aisle may seem random, but each one — from a cut-price coffee machine to a £39.99 blow-up kayak — fits a seasonal theme.

Paul explains: 'The themes are planned 12 to 18 months in advance. Back-to-school stock

by Sarah From blow-up kayaks to a budget logburner... why Aldi's middle aisle is a middle-class magnet







Bargain hunt: Sarah in Aldi. From far left, the hanging egg chair, log burner and kayak

arrives in July, and Christmas will be coming out soon. Throughout the year you'll see products relating to camping, skiing, BBQ season and New Year fitness regimes.'

Aldi's version of the Big Green Egg barbecue has flown off the shelves in summer, and ahead of the new series of The Great British Bake Off, a Specialbuys baking range was launched, including a £49.99 stand mixer. Other recent items include a £19.99 slow cooker, which was released amid reports about rising energy bills.

#### FROM HARRODS TO THE HIGH STREET

ONE source of inspiration for the Specialbuys aisle is what other very high-end — retailers are doing. 'Before Christmas, we'd head to Harrods to see what table decorations or gifts it was stocking,' Paul says. 'We'd ask ourselves: "Could we source that and sell it for a third of the price?"

Suppliers are also expected to pitch ideas to Aldi's team of 30 dedicated middle-aisle buyers.

The challenge, Paul adds, is predicting how many of the new products it will sell — and how quickly. And Aldi doesn't always get this right. In 2020, for example,

it offered a Lego Star Wars set for £100 less than the average retail price. Thousands of shoppers queued for hours, only to find there was just one set in each branch.

#### **SELLOUTS CREATE A SOCIAL MEDIA BUZZ**

TO GET the word out about its middle-aisle goodies, Aldi uses social media and adverts. Its online presence is impressive, with one million Instagram followers.

It sees a flurry of activity on Thursdays and Sundays, when new products are released. Several items have gone viral, including a hanging egg chair, which sold out in minutes. At one point, the online queue for the £189.99 item

exceeded 75,000 people. Aldi's most popular Specialbuy ever was an outdoor log burner (£59.99) from 2019. Other soughtafter products include toys in the form of the chain's mascot, Kevin the Carrot (another 75,000-strong virtual queue), inflatable hot tubs and outdoor rattan sofas.

#### **IRRESISTIBLE DESIGNER DUPES**

ALDI has become known for its cut-price designer 'dupes' — that is, products which look, feel and function like expensive ones, for a

fraction of the price. Its popular Lacura Caviar Illumination day cream (£6.99) is uncannily similar to La Prairie's Skin Caviar cream (£439), while its £29.99 cast-iron casserole dish looks just like a £185 Le Creuset.

There's a £6.99 perfume, called Lacura Ladies' 5th Element, which shoppers swear smells like Chanel No 5 (£65); a £3.49 lime, basil and mandarin candle that's almost identical to a £55 Jo Malone candle; and a £2.19 Paradise handwash that's been compared to The White Company's £13 Seychelles one.

Larger items aren't exempt from Aldi mimicry, either, with shoppers snapping up a £49.99 tripod floor lamp (said to be a dupe of a £210 lamp from Made.com) and a £109.99 velvet armchair that appeared to be inspired by a £495 chair from Oliver Bonas.

Aldi gets away with what might look like copying because it says there is no chance customers might be misled or mistaken in thinking that its budget offerings are the real deal.

This doesn't always work, however: in 2019, celebrity makeup artist Charlotte Tilbury won a legal battle against Aldi for selling £6.99 dupes of her bronzing palette, which retails for £49.

#### TRICKS TO MAKE YOU **SPLASH THE CASH**

ONCE customers are through the door, the aim is to get them to stay and spend. The first trick is a 'decompression zone': a sharp turn after the entrance, designed to slow shoppers down. Rather than dashing in for one or two items, they're made to look around.

LED spotlights are placed on premium products, arranged at eye level, because if you're in a rush you're most likely to grab items that are easy to spot.

The supermarket has also worked on its shopping experience, tailoring its stores towards the middle class by increasing staff visibility and encouraging them to interact with shoppers.

'Middle-class shoppers don't shop there secretly any more, as they did when it first opened,' says Dr Khan. 'The Specialbuys aren't always bargains, but they're arranged like a sale, so we perceive them to be cheaper.'

Dr Jansson-Boyd adds: 'The middle aisle is a bit like a treasure hunt — we like that because it makes shopping more exciting.'

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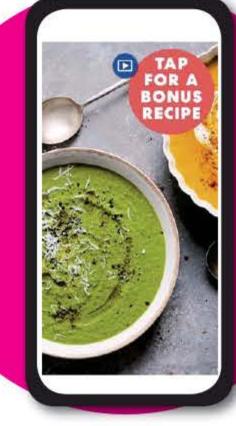
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We did have a kiss at There was flirting the end of the date.

**PHOEBE**, 36

VITAL STATISTICS

DIVORCED, single for seven years.

**CURRENT ROLE** 

Lettings manager.

#### WOULD LIKE TO MEET

I'D LOVE a man who makes my stomach hurt from laughing. He needs to understand sarcasm. Ideally, he'd look like David Beckham that's the dream.

#### DATING PAST

I'VE only had two serious relationships. I met my exhusband when I was 19 and we were together for eight years. I was with my second partner for about 15 months and have only dated on and off since we split up.

#### PRE-DATE NERVES?

I'M NOT a nervous person. I live off adrenaline, which is handy as I'd had no sleep for 36 hours after a flight delay.

#### FIRST IMPRESSIONS?

WHEN he walked in, I thought: 'Yep, he's got a good body and he's taller than me.'

At around 5ft 9in, I'd have liked him to be taller still. He was wearing a black top and jeans and we both joked about not really knowing what to wear for a Sunday lunch date in a posh restaurant.

We greeted each other with a friendly peck on the cheek. It was a good start.

#### EASY TO TALK TO?

AS WE initially got to know each other, I asked questions about his family and whether he was Manchester-born. But then James started talking about his job... and didn't stop.

The two-hour date turned into four and towards the end I said: 'I'm going to be blunt, I don't think you're in the right mindset for a relationship. I think you're focusing on your career. When would you find time to date?' And he said: 'Yeah, I think you could be right.'

#### EMBARRASSING MOMENTS?

NO, NOT at all.

#### DID SPARKS FLY?

YES, a little bit. We were looking into each other's eyes and did have a kiss at the end of the date, which was lovely.

He was a good kisser. But I think we both knew we weren't right for one another.

#### SEE HIM AGAIN?

NO, I don't think so.

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK HE THOUGHT OF YOU?

I HOPE he found me attractive. He kept dropping his surname into the conversation. Perhaps that was his way of telling me how to find him on social media but he didn't ask for my details.

#### WOULD YOUR FAMILY LIKE HIM?

THEY all talk as much as me, so it is easy to chat. But they're all football mad and he hates football.

but it's sad she's not He was a good kisser' into going to the gym'



WOULD LIKE TO MEET

I LIKE a woman who looks after herself, is strongminded, driven and knows what she wants out of life.

#### DATING PAST?

I'VE had relationships that have lasted about three years. After the last one I decided I needed some time to focus on my life, mindset — and sorting out some debts.

That has turned into five years of singledom, but I would like to meet someone now.

#### PRE-DATE NERVES?

ONLY the normal sort of nerves that everyone gets before a date.

#### FIRST IMPRESSIONS?

I KNEW pretty much on first sight Phoebe wasn't my type physically, but she seemed nice.

She was a bit tall for me. Phoebe had made an effort with jeans and a blazer. We had a peck on the cheek at the start, but I knew it wouldn't be going further.

#### EASY TO TALK TO?

VERY easy. Phoebe is quite blunt and speaks her mind, which I like. I'm a bit like that too as I have to be honest in my job as a personal trainer.

She's observant because she made me realise that, actually, I'm not ready to commit to another relationship just yet. I've been so busy building up my business and I still need to focus on that. We talked about exercise, too. She's not into the gym which I'd find difficult with a partner.
It would make things a bit awkward

if she didn't understand how much time I spend there.

#### EMBARRASSING MOMENTS?

NONE at all. There were no weird silences.

#### DID SPARKS FLY?

NOT for me but I think she may have found me attractive. We did a bit of flirting but then we were both drinking — and I haven't had an alcoholic drink for four weeks as I'm training for a marathon.

#### SEE HER AGAIN?

NO. WE didn't swap numbers or anything like that. I have enough friends and don't need any more. But we had a good time and I enjoyed it.

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK SHE THOUGHT OF YOU?

I THINK she was probably more attracted to me than I was to her, but then I think she's ready to settle down with someone who has a different mindset to me.

#### WOULD YOUR FAMILY LIKE HER?

THEY would like her as a person. She's friendly and chatty but they would know she's not right for me.

Interviews: JILL FOSTER



LIKED? It was simply nice to meet someone and have a good chat. **REGRETS?** None, it was fun.

COFFEE OR CAB? Cab.

JAMES'S VERDICT: 7/10

LIKED? I loved the

restaurant and the

whole experience.

**REGRETS?** No, none.

COFFEE OR CAB? Cab.

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#### ROYAL CHURCH Westminster Abbey: Behind Closed Doors, 8pm, Ch5

IT'S the spectacular venue for big royal occasions, most recently the Queen's funeral on Monday. Now, this five-part series reveals the secrets behind those grand services and ancient traditions. We meet the 300-strong team of staff and volunteers as they deal with a huge hole in the budget caused by the Covid pandemic.

#### FATHER & SON John & Joe Bishop: Life After Deaf, 9pm, ITV

JOHN'S eldest son, Joe, has an autoimmune condition that means he is losing his hearing. After years of fighting the process, John and Joe have come to accept it, and here, they set out to immerse themselves in the deaf community. John (pictured) does this in his own unique way by challenging himself to learn sign language and perform a stand-up gig (which follows at 10.50pm) to a deaf audience.

#### **PICK OF TODAY'S TV**

#### MY GRANDPARENTS' WAR: KEIRA KNIGHTLEY, 9PM, CH4

'WE'RE a family of very strong women,' says Keira (pictured with her mum, Sharman) as she introduces us to her grandparents Jan and Mac. As a girl, Keira was very close to her 'exotic' grandmother, but Jan, who didn't talk about what she did in the war, died when Keira was 11, and the actress never knew Joseph 'Mac' Macdonald, an engineer. So, it's both an emotional and surprising journey for the actress as she finds out about their wartime experiences. Keira knew Jan had been a secretary, and now learns that she had previously volunteered

hospital in the Highlands, 200 miles from her home in Glasgow — it emerges that her organisational skills were put to good use in the run-up to D-Day, too. Mac, meanwhile, was a sonar operator during his 12-year service in the Royal Navy, and played his part in a heroic rescue at sea. Keira is struck by just how much good fortune is involved in the fact that she exists at all, with the war having put so many obstacles in the way of Jan and Mac's blossoming romance -Mac even once had to brave the bombs of the Blitz to make sure he wasn't late for a date with his future wife. But not all her relatives were so lucky, and we also hear stories of Keira's great uncles reported missing behind enemy lines.



#### BBC1 6.00 Breakfast (HD) Morning Live (HD) Hosted by Gethin Jones and Kimberley Walsh 10.00 Northern Justice (AD,HD) A post office worker accused of stealing. 10.30 For Love or Money (R,HD) A woman who seems in denial that she is being scammed. 11.15 **Homes Under the Hammer** (AD,HD) Properties are examined in Surrey, Merseyside and London. 12.15 Bargain Hunt (R,HD) Natasha Raskin Sharp presents the show from Peterborough. 1.00 BBC News at One; Weather (HD) **BBC Regional News;** Weather

- 1.45 Doctors (AD,HD) Daniel has an uphill battle to prove himself to Izzie.
  2.15 Money for Nothing (R,HD)
  Upcycling a wardrobe, some shelves and a bundle of blanket.
  3.00 Escape to the Country (HD)
  A would-be buyer looks to swap Hong Kong for North Yorkshire.
  3.45 Antiques Road Trip (HD) Natasha
- Raskin Sharp and Charles Hanson travel from East to West Yorkshire.

  1.30 The Tournament (HD) Quiz show, hosted by Alex Scott.

  1.30 Pointless (HD) Quiz show,
- 6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather (HD)
  6.30 BBC Regional News; Weather
- 7.00 The One Show (HD) Live magazine show, presented by Alex Jones and Ronan Keating.
   7.30 EastEnders (AD,HD) Frankie sees Sonia and Janine talking about the pregnancy.

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- 8.00 EastEnders (HD) Linda attends her court hearing, where she opens up to Sharon about her feelings for Mick.
- 8.30 Celebrity MasterChef (HD) The remaining contenders compete in the final. Last in series.
- 9.00 Crossfire (HD) Jo faces a stand-off with Flavio, while Gerardo terrorises his hostages but with the arrival of special forces, things come to an explosive climax. Last in series.
- 10.00 BBC News at Ten (HD)
  10.30 BBC Regional News
  (Followed by Weather)
  10.40 Question Time (HD) Fiona Bruce
- 10.40 Question Time (HD) Fiona Bruce hosts the topical debate from Grimsby, North-East Lincolnshire.
- 11.40 Newscast (HD) A weekly roundup from Westminster, delivering the usual mix of serious analysis and light-hearted gossip about the biggest stories in politics.
- 12.10 The Secrets She Keeps (AD,R,HD)
  A grief-stricken Meghan finds herself
  in jail with the last person she would
  have wanted to encounter. 12.55
  Weather for the Week Ahead (HD)
  1.00 BBC News (HD)

#### BBC2

as a clerk at a military

- 6.30 Money for Nothing (R,HD)
  7.15 Antiques Road Trip (R,HD)
  8.00 Fake or Fortune? (AD,BSL,R,HD) A painting that may be by Alfred Sisley.
  9.00 BBC News (HD)
- 12.15 Politics Live (HD)
  1.00 Chase the Case (R,HD) Strategic game show hosted by Dan Walker.
  1.45 Eggheads (R,HD) Quiz show, hosted by Jeremy Vine.
- 2.15 Glorious Gardens from Above

   (R,HD) Christine Walkden takes to the skies above Gloucestershire.

   3.00 Flipping Profit (AD,R,HD) Raising
- money for Children in Need.

  3.45 Home Is Where the Art Is

  (AD,R,HD) Nick Knowles hosts.
- 4.30 Murder, Mystery and My Family (AD,R,HD) Reinvestigating a lethal shooting from 1937.
- 5.15 Flog It! (R,HD) Paul Martin presents the show from the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum in Belfast, where he is joined by experts Thomas Plant and Caroline Hawley.
- 6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games
  (HD) Charlie Baker, Val McDermid,
  Martin Offiah and Rebecca Lucy
  Taylor test their general knowledge
  skills in a variety of trivia-based
  games across the week.
- 6.30 Unbeatable (HD) Quiz show, hosted by Jason Manford.
- 7.00 Villages by the Sea (HD) Ben Robinson uncovers evidence of the German occupation of the Jersey village of Gorey.
- 7.30 Iolo: A Wild Life (HD) Iolo Williams encounters slippery frogs in a freezing stream.
- 8.00 Saving Lives at Sea (AD,HD)
  On Ireland's north-west coast,
  the RNLI crew at Bundoran race
  to the rescue of a teenage girl
  who has been swept out to sea.
- 9.00 All That Glitters: Britain's
  Next Jewellery Star (AD,HD)
  Katherine Ryan welcomes
  back four semi-finalists to the
  workshop in Birmingham's
  jewellery quarter, where they
  take on two challenges.
- 10.00 Live at the Apollo (R,HD) Loyiso Gola introduces Scott Bennett and Helen Bauer to the stage.
- 10.30 Newsnight (HD) Analysis of the day's events with Kirsty Wark. (Followed by Weather)
- (AD,R,HD) Three paintings stolen at gunpoint from Stockholm's National Museum in 2000 take investigators on a complex hunt from Russian organised crime to the glittering hills of Hollywood.
- 12.15 Celebrity MasterChef (BSL,R,HD)
  The remaining contenders compete
  in the final. 12.45 Martin Compston's
  Scottish Fling (AD,BSL,R,HD) 1.15
  How To with John Wilson (BSL,R,HD)
  1.45 This Is BBC2 (HD)

#### ITV

- 6.00 Good Morning Britain (HD)
   9.00 Lorraine (HD) Entertainment, current affairs and fashion news.
   10.00 This Morning (HD) Daily magazine,
- 10.00 This Morning (HD) Daily magazine featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, lifestyle features, topical discussion, health and beauty advice and more. Including Local Weather.
- 12.30 Loose Women (HD) The women put the world to rights once more and invite a celebrity guest to chat about what they are up to.
- 1.30
  1.55
  Regional News; Weather (HD)
  2.00
  Dickinson's Real Deal (AD,HD)
  David Dickinson and his team travel
  around the country assessing items
  brought in by members of the
  public, who either take the cash for
- their antiques or gamble at auction. **3.00 Tenable** (HD) A team of five podcast-producing friends answer questions about top-ten lists, then try to score a perfect ten in the final round. Warwick Davis asks the questions: Regional Weather
- the questions; Regional Weather

  4.00 Tipping Point (HD) Quiz show, hosted by Ben Shephard.

  5.00 The Chase (HD) Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh.
- 7.30 News; Weather (HD)
   7.30 Emmerdale (AD,HD) While Liam is shocked, Dan is left concerned, and Dawn is anxious.

Regional News; Weather (HD)

- 8.30 The Martin Lewis Money Show Live: Cost of Living Special (HD)
  The cash expert answers the financial questions that matter most, and offers tips and tricks for making finances go further.
- 9.00 John & Joe Bishop: Life After
  PICK

  Deaf (AD, HD) John Bishop
  and his son Joe embark on a
  journey to understand more
  about the deaf community.
- 10.05 News (HD) (Followed by Weather) 10.35 Regional News (HD) (Followed by Weather)
- of British Sign Language comedy.

  11.35 Heathrow: Britain's Busiest
  Airport (AD,R,HD) Border Force
  officer Rob deals with cargo

involving frozen chicken.

trying to enter the country

10.50 Life After Deaf Stand Up Show

PICK (HD) John Bishop headlines a night

12.05 All Elite Wrestling: Rampage (HD)
Hard-hitting, high-flying wrestling
action. 1.10 Shop: Ideal World (HD)
3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal
(AD,BSL,R,HD) 3.50 Unwind with
ITV (HD) 5.00 Tenable (BSL,R,HD)

Family viewing

#### CHANNEL 4

- 6.10 Countdown (R,HD)
  6.50 3rd Rock from the Sun (AD,R)
  7.15 3rd Rock from the Sun (AD,R)
- 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond (AD,R)
  8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond (AD,R)
  8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond (AD,R)
- 9.00 Everybody Loves 9.00 Frasier (AD,R) 9.30 Frasier (AD,R)
- 10.00 Frasier (AD,R)
   10.30 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R,HD) The Prohibition Grille in Everett, Washington.
- 11.25 Channel 4 News Summary (HD)
  11.30 The Great House Giveaway (R,HD)
- 12.30 Steph's Packed Lunch (HD)
  Weekday magazine show,
  hosted by Steph McGovern.
- 2.10 Countdown (HD) Noreen Khan is in Dictionary Corner.
- 3.00 A Place in the Sun (R,HD) Laura Hamilton helps a couple to find a holiday home in Tarn, France.
- 4.00 Chateau DIY (AD,HD) Tim and Sasha host a wedding, but the heat works against them.
- 5.00 Moneybags (HD) Kevin Duala guest hosts the high-stakes quiz.
  6.00 Hollyoaks (AD,R,HD) History
- 6.00 Hollyoaks (AD,R,HD) History repeats itself when Victor forces a terrified Sid to sell drugs.
- **6.30 Hollyoaks** (AD,R,HD) The McQueens are furious at Goldie for giving Yazz an exclusive chat about Silas.
- 7.00 Channel 4 News (HD)
- 8.00 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice (AD,HD) Jo Brand is joined by Jamie Laing, Kadeena Cox and Tom Davis to chew over the events of Biscuit Week. Tom Allen judges the bakes brought along by the studio audience.
- 9.00 My Grandparents' War: Keira
  Knightley (AD,HD) Actress Keira
  Knightley unearths a moving
  story of resilience and love
  concerning her grandparents
  Mac and Jan MacDonald.
- 10.00 Naked Attraction (AD,HD)
  Anna Richardson hosts, inviting dog groomer Nico and self-confessed 'bad girl' Patrice to select their perfect partners.
- 11.05 Embarrassing Bodies (AD,R,HD)
  Dr Jane meets a woman whose severe skin condition has left her unable to leave the house.
  Dr Tosin advises a patient who has been living with hair loss since she was a child.
- 12.10 First Dates Hotel (AD,BSL,R,HD)
  1.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares
  USA (BSL,R) 1.50 Couples Come Dine
  with Me (AD,BSL,R,HD) 2.40 Lata in
  Her Own Voice (R,HD) 2.50 FILM:
  Mughal-E-Azam (1960) (PG) Indian
  historical epic, starring Dilip Kumar.

Generally suitable for all Caution recommended

(R) Repeat. (HD) High Definition. (AD) Audio Description. (b/w) Not in colour. (BSL) British Sign Language.

#### DALES VETS All Creatures Great And Small, 9pm, Ch5

NEWLYWEDS James and Helen move into Skeldale House, but while the lovebirds are easy and breezy in their own company, getting along with the rest of the household proves



more tricky. Meanwhile, James and Siegfried are at loggerheads over the government's lucrative bovine TB testing scheme, and a seriously ill dog forces Tristan (Callum Woodhouse, pictured) to step up when there's no one else around to help him.

#### FILM CHOICE The Producers, 9.10pm, BBC4

MEL BROOKS'S original farce, which easily eclipses the 2005 remake, stars Zero Mostel and Gene Wilder as the fake theatre impresarios staging an outrageous Hitler-themed musical they hope will be a flop. Brooks's hilarious spoof western, Blazing Saddles, follows at 10.40pm.

#### CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Kid-E-Cats (R) 6.05 Peppa Pig (AD,R) 6.10 Peppa Pig (AD,R) 6.15 Peppa Pig (AD,R) 6.20 Mya Go (R,HD) 6.30 Blue's Clues & You (R,HD) 6.50 Fireman Sam (R,HD) 7.00 Thomas & Friends: All Engines Go! (HD) 7.10 Peppa Pig (AD,R,HD) 7.20 Peppa Pig (R,HD) 7.25 Paw Patrol (R,HD) 7.35 Milo (R,HD) 7.45 Pip and Posy (R,HD) 8.00 The Adventures of Paddington (R,HD) 8.20 Ricky Zoom (R,HD) 8.35 Peppa Pig (AD,R) 8.40 Daisy & Ollie (R) 8.50 Odo (HD) 8.55 Kangaroo Beach (R,HD) 9.10 Sunny Bunnies (R,HD) 9.15 Jeremy Vine (HD) The broadcaster

discusses the issues of the day.

12.45 Holiday Homes in the Sun (HD)
Amanda Lamb, Sam Pinkham and JB
Gill are in Amalfi on the Italian coast.

1.40 5 News at Lunchtime (HD)

1.45 Home and Away (HD) Cash struggles with the knowledge that he killed someone.
 2.15 The Drowning (2021) (PG) ● (HD) A woman investigates the mysterious disappearance of her

daughter. Thriller, starring Rene Ashton and Jacey Nichole.

4.00 Bargain Loving Brits by the Sea (R,HD) Two entrepreneurs in Skegness plan a new initiative

for holidaymakers.
5.00 5 News (HD)
6.00 Cash in the Attic (AD)
6.55 5 News Update (HD)

7.00 Save Money on Your Supermarket Shop (AD,HD)
Alexis Conran investigates how supermarket clothing matches up to the High Street for quality and cost, and Angellica Bell investigates healthy offal.

PICK

Closed Doors (HD) New series.

Cameras take a look inside one of the UK's most renowned and historic buildings. (Followed by 5 News Update)

PICK

(AD,HD) James struggles to get
Siegfried to let him take the
reins now that he is junior
partner, and the pair end up
at odds over the lucrative
bovine TB testing scheme.

10.00 Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild (R,HD) Ben meets a family living in a yurt on New Zealand's north island, and gets a taste of their woodland lifestyle, as well as their two daughters' alternative education.

11.05 Police: Night Shift 999 (R,HD)
Sgt Gladwin is caught off guard
when a routine area search leaves
him surrounded by an aggressive
family, while a violent shoplifter
is cornered in a supermarket.

12.05 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders (R,HD) 1.00 Entertainment News 1.05 LeoVegas Live Casino Show (HD) 3.00 Entertainment News 3.05 British Airways 24/7 (R,HD) 3.55 Made in Yorkshire (R,HD) 4.40 Now That's Funny! (BSL,R) 5.30 Peppa Pig (AD,BSL,R) 5.35 Paw Patrol (BSL,R,HD)

Particularly liable to offend

Without her comrade-in-smut, Mel's jokes are all a bit wooden

EW things are more forlorn than half a double act. One comedian alone is so much less than two.

Dear old Ernie Wise was a lost soul after the death of his partner Eric Morecambe. No doubt, Little Ern had funny bones in him still—but he soon became a spectacle of pity, reduced to doing the panto rounds at Christmas.

And my heart breaks for Paul Elliott, one half of the brilliant Chuckle Brothers until the death of older brother Barry in 2018. Paul seems a sweet man but he clearly yearns to be tripping over ladders and falling into giant paint pots with his sibling by his side, not earning his crust on reality TV shows.

Mel Giedroyc was always the better half of her double act with Cambridge Footlights buddy Sue Perkins — but she struggles on her own, too, as Handmade: Britain's Best Woodworker (C4) makes only too clear.

Since quitting The Great British Bake Off, Mel and Sue have shot the *moderately* successful sitcom Hitmen for Sky about a pair of incompetent gangland assassins. (And it's best not to mention the mess they made when reviving The Generation Game.)

But really, the comic pair have failed to find a vehicle that can contain and sustain them for long. Perhaps the problem is that they no longer mesh: when Sue appeared

BREAKFAST SURPRISE OF THE WEEK: As he hid from terrorists stalking his hotel in Crossfire (BBC1), Jason (Lee Ingleby) heard a shout of 'Buenos dias, room service' — and opened his door to peep out. What a pillock! Some people just can't resist the offer of coffee and croissants.

on Who Do You Think You Are? earlier this year, Mel's quick-witted guest appearance stole the show, leaving her old friend looking slightly stuffy and ponderous.

Still, as the lone host of Handmade, Mel is left with too much work to do. She has to set up her own gags and then deliver the punchlines.

Running around the workshop, trying to find opportunities for banter, she looks like a terrier in search of a rabbit. Much of the time, she resorts to double entendres. And we all know Mel could conjure smut in a convent, so inventing innuendos on a woodworking show is just too easy.

'Lauren does not have a clumpy triangle,' she scolded a judge who complained about the shape of a table leg. And, standing at the lathe, she murmured: 'Lovely to have a rotating bit of wood in your hand.'

But without a comrade-in-filth to share her sniggers, the jokes fall flat. Solo sexual quips aren't very gratifying.

That leaves us looking for entertainment in a joinery competition. And sadly, unlike

#### WELSH TV VARIATIONS

BBC1: 10.00am For Love or Money. 10.45 Homes Under the Hammer. 11.45 Wales' Home of the Year. 1.30pm BBC Wales Today; Weather. 6.30 BBC Wales Today; Weather. BBC2: 10.00pm Rewind: 60 Years of Welsh Pop. 11.15 Match of the Day Wales. Belgium v Wales. 11.45 Tudur's TV Flashback.

ITV: 10.50pm Fishlock's Choice. 11.20 Life After Deaf Stand Up Show. With John Bishop.

S4C: 6.00am Cyw. 12noon Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd. 12.05 Sain Ffagan. 12.30 Heno. 1.00 Pysgod i Bawb. 1.30 Sgwrs Dan y Lloer. 2.00 Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd. 2.05 Prynhawn Da. 3.00 Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd. 3.05 Symud i Gymru. 4.00 Awr Fawr: Peppa. 4.05 Awr Fawr: Caru Canu a Stori. 4.15 Awr Fawr: Ein Byd Bach Ni. 4.25 Awr Fawr: Pablo. 4.40 Awr Fawr: Ahoi! 5.00 Stwnsh. 6.00 Codi Pac. 6.30 Rownd a Rownd. 7.00 Newyddion S4C a'r

Tywydd. 7.25 Sgorio Rhyngwladol: Cynghrair y Cenhedloedd 2022. Belgium v Wales (Kick-off 7.45pm). 10.00 Rygbi Pawb. 10.50 Gwesty Aduniad.



#### CHRISTOPHER STEVENS LAST NIGHT'S TV

Handmade: Britain's Best Woodworker ★★☆☆☆
The Repair Shop ★★★☆☆

homemade fashion on The Great British Sewing Bee, or jewellery in All That Glitters, carpentry projects are simply too big to be engaging.

It's hard to get terribly excited about wobbly tables. And the tension sags further when Mel warns the woodworkers that half their time has elapsed...they've only got another 24 hours to finish the job!

Part of the pleasure of The Repair Shop (BBC1) is that there's no time limit. We are never told how many weeks have elapsed between commission and completion. Instead of restorations done in a rush, we see every step lovingly crafted. It's both relaxing

and satisfying to watch an artisan put an edge back on a pair of sewing scissors or replace the capacitors in a wartime radio.

Leather worker Susie demonstrated a technique called 'two-needle stitching', sewing the seams of an old satchel with a single piece of thread and a needle on each end.

The real joy, though, comes when the customers collect their beloved heirlooms. A lady named Judith was joined by her daughter and granddaughter to be reunited with 74-year-old 'Goldie', her teddy bear, whose croaky growl was now working for the first time in decades.

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#### PICK OF DIGITAL & ON DEMAND TV

Prime Video), have all

had a good go, but this

the best of them. While

rescuers, who included

teams of international

experts, this six-part

drama tells the story

including that of the

trapped deep inside the

jolt that has a big effect

of what hard work is.'

Emma (pictured with

makes an emotional

return to work

as a Maternity

Care Assistant

at the Princess

series. There's a

lot for Emma to

tries to get back

up to speed after

Covid-enforced gap.

an unwelcome,

remember as she

Hospital in Essex

Alexandra

in this warm-

hearted new

Corinne Greenaway)

a real claustrophobic

on the viewer.

Howard's retelling

focuses solely on the

Thai mini-series matches

#### THAI CAVE RESCUE, NETFLIX

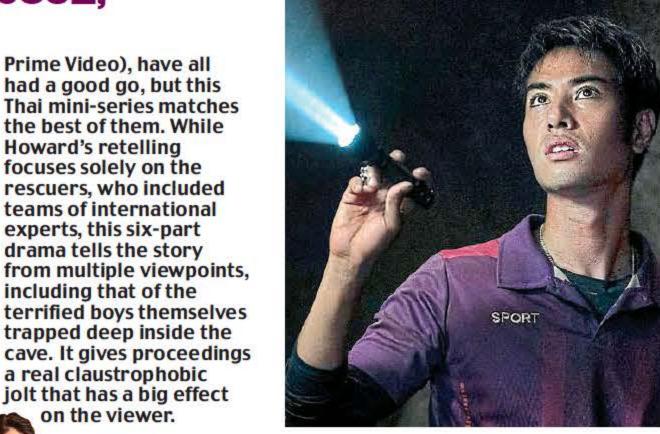
IN THE summer of 2018, the whole world was on tenterhooks after hearing of the awful plight of a boy's football team and their young coach (Papangkorn Rerkchalermpoj, pictured), who had become trapped in a flooded cave system in northern Thailand after heavy rains. The remarkable story of their rescue has hardly gone untold - various documentaries as well as Ron Howard's recent blockbuster movie, Thirteen Lives (Amazon

**SCI-FI DRAMA** After Yang, 8pm, Sky Premiere

UNUSUAL and sensitive drama with a sci-fi twist, starring Colin Farrell as a dad trying to repair his family's robotic child, a companion to his young daughter. It's compelling and surprising, especially at the start.

MATERNITY WARD **Emma Willis: Delivering** Babies, 9pm, W

TT'S a really good reminder



#### REALITY ROYALTY

THE first family of reality TV return for their second new series since swapping E! for Disney+. Kim, Khloe, Kylie et al are back for ten more hugely enjoyable slices of high-flying life, even if, these days, the show almost feels more like a behind-the-scenes 'making watched about them in the last year. Want to know what really happened in their relationships? Desperate to hear the real story

The Kardashians, Disney+

of' for all those news stories you've of how Kim got into Marilyn Monroe's old dress for the Met Gala? Then this is the place for you...

BBC 4

9 (Scot 24) **Great American** Railroad Journeys Michael Portillo explores British Columbia, joining the Royal Canadian Navy to firefight on board

the HMCS Regina

in the year of his 91st

birthday, profiling his

producer and his

crooked financial

scam to make the

show of all time. Mel

starring Zero Mostel

Brooks's comedy,

and Gene Wilder

tycoon appoints a

racist town, but the

clever lawman plots

to foil his schemes.

Mel Brooks'

Western spoof,

Little and Gene

Wilder (To 12.10)

starirng Cleavon

black sheriff to a

worst Broadway

accountant hatch a

neurotic

Imagine - Mel **Brooks: Unwrapped** 8.00pm Alan Yentob travels to Hollywood to interview Mel Brooks

career in comedy 9.10 The Producers (1968,PG) A theatre

9.30pm

Time

7.00pm

7.30pm

8.30pm

9.00pm

10.00pm

10.40 Blazing Saddles (1974,12) 10.30pm A crooked railway

11.00pm

11.30pm

13 The Big Bang Theory Leonard and Sheldon's

**E4** 

flat is burgled The Big Bang Theory

Mediterranean

Hannah and Ben

relationship, while

Bobby realises he

cannot shut off his

feelings for Julia

Birmingham

Talent, Line of Duty and

Jeremy Wade's Dark

Waters(To 12.05)

redefine their

wants answers from Sheldon gets a job at a Neo and will not stop diner. Guest starring until she gets them Yeardley Smith **Below Deck: Bob's Burgers** 

> the eggs for the annual Easter hunt

Bob and Linda hide

ITV2

6

risksexcommunication

scene by confessing to

his crush, while Millie

Secret Crush Luke

from the ballroom

Bob's Burgers Teddy's back problems leave him stuck on the floor

Family Guy Brian

becomes an estate

agent after having

cosmetic surgery

Married at First Sight UK It is Love/ Hate week for the couples, as the experts set them exercises to improve their honesty and communication

Family Guy Brian and Peter go on a mission to find a new Thanksgiving turkey

Dirty House Rescue: Shopping with Keith Lemon Keith goes Queens of Clean Lola and Adam come antique hunting in to the aid of Hashu. Essex with Danny Dyer a 29-year-old from

Family Guy Stewie replaces Brian with a super-intelligent robot

Family Guy Meg has 11.05 Gogglebox fun partying with Capturing the Peter when he takes households' instant reactions to shows her to a college including Britain's Got

American Dad! Francine gets involved in Steve's role-playing game (To 12.00)

#### A-Z SATELLITE LISTINGS

#### ALIBI

Sky 109 Virgin 126

12noon Death in Paradise. 1.00 Brown. 2.00 Murdoch Mysteries. 4.00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries. 5.00 Unforgettable. 6.00 Major Crimes. 7.00 Rizzoli & Isles. 8.00 Death in Paradise. 9.00 Father Brown. 10.05 The Game. 11.15 Murdoch Mysteries.

#### **ANIMAL PLANET**

Virgin 251

12noon Tanked. 1.00 Pit Bulls & Parolees. 2.00 India's Monkey Man Monster: Expedition Mungo. 3.00 Deadly Dragon of Borneo: Expedition Mungo. 4.00 My Cat from Hell. 5.00 Lone Star Law. 6.00 Tanked. 7.00 Pit Bulls & Parolees. 8.00 Meet the Orangutans. 9.00 Meet the Penguins. 10.00 Edge of Alaska. 11.00 Sharkwrecked: Crash Landing.

#### **BBC ALBA**

Sky 169 Virgin 161 6.00am Alba Today. 5.00pm Piseag

& Cuilean/Kit & Pup. 5.05 Sionnach agus Maigheach. 5.20 Shane an Chef. 5.30 'S E lasg a Th'Annam. 5.35 Leum is Danns. 5.45 Su Pic. 5.55 Stoiridh. 6.00 An Saoghal Droil aig Pol Ploc/The Rubbish World of Dave Spud. 6.15 @12. 6.20 Na Danathursan aig Tintin/The Adventures of Tintin. 6.45 Triuir aig Tri. 7.00 Clann a' Chogaidh Mhoir. 7.25 Dan. 7.30 SpeakGaelic. 8.00 An La. 8.30 Eilean Mo Ghaoil. 9.00 Ceol na Loidhne/Song of the Track. 10.00 Bannan. 11.10 Gandhi.

#### **BBC THREE**

Freeview 23 Sky 117 7.00pm Top Gear. 7.00 The Catch Up. 8.00 MOTDx. 8.30 Hire Me: Competing for a Dream Job. 9.00 RuPaul's Drag Race UK. 10.15 FILM: Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie. (2016) (15) 11.40 RuPaul's Drag Race UK.

#### BT SPORT 1

Sky 413 Virgin 527

12noon Formula Regional European Championship. 12.30 ESPN FC. 1.00 DIY Pundit. 1.30 Hero CPL. 2.30 Live: Hero CPL. Patriots v Knight Riders. 6.45 Packer: The Man Who Changed Cricket. 8.15 Serie A - Full Impact. 8.45 Premier League Reload. 9.00 WWE NXT. 10.00 Premier League Stories. 10.30 ESPN FC Presents: Gab & Juls. 11.00 UEFA Champions League Magazine. 11.30 Live: Hero CPL. Amazon Warriors v Kings.

#### BT SPORT 2

Sky 414 Virgin 528 12noon BT Sport Reload. 12.30 The Aussie Rules Show. 1.00 Currie Club. 1.30 The Outdoor Sports Show. 2.00 30 for 30: SMU Pony Exce\$\$. 4.00 MotoGP Highlights. 5.00 ESPN FC. 5.30 ESPN FC Presents: Gab & Juls. 6.00 Currie Club. 6.30 The Outdoor Sports Show. 7.00 PTO Triathlon. 8.00 MLB Quick Pitch. 9.00 Live MLB. San Diego Padres v St Louis Cardinals.

#### BT SPORT 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529

Serie A. 2.30pm Premiership Rugby Cup. 4.00 Premier League Reload. 4.15 BT Sport Reload. 4.30 DIY Pundit. 5.00 WWE Friday Night SmackDown. 6.30 WWE Monday Night Raw. 9.00 DIY Pundit. 9.30 UFC Fight Camp. 10.00 MotoGP Highlights. 11.00 Currie Club. 11.30 The Ocho.

#### COMEDY CENTRAL

Sky 112 Virgin 181 11.00am Friends. 9.00pm Michael McIntyre's Big Show. 10.00 Kevin Bridges: The Brand New Tour. 11.00 The Ren & Stimpy Show.

#### DAVE (DAYTIME)

Freeview 19 Sky 111

12noon Bangers and Cash. 1.00 BorderForce:America'sGatekeepers. 2.00 Top Gear. 3.00 Rick Stein: From Venice to Istanbul. 4.00 Top Gear. 5.00 Rick Stein: From Venice to Istanbul. 6.00 Taskmaster.

#### DISCOVERY

Sky 125 Virgin 250

11.00am Wheeler Dealers: Dream Car. 12noon Supertruckers. 1.00 Gold Rush: Winter's Fortune. 2.00 Lone Star Law. 3.00 Homestead Rescue: Raney Ranch. 4.00 Alaska: The Last Frontier. 5.00 Wheeler Dealers. 6.00 Bitchin' Rides. 7.00 Junkyard Empire. 8.00 Railroad Alaska. 9.00 Naked and Afraid XL. 10.00 Naked and Afraid: Alone. 11.00 Yukon Men.

#### DRAMA (DAYTIME)

Freeview 20 Sky 143 Virgin 130 12noon The Bill. 1.00 Classic EastEnders. 2.20 Monarch of the Glen. 3.20 A Place to Call Home. 4.20 All Creatures Great and Small. 5.20 Waiting for God. 6.00 Are You Being Served? 6.40 'Allo 'Allo!

#### E4 (DAYTIME)

Freeview 13 Sky 135 Virgin 106 12noon Brooklyn Nine-Nine. 1.00

The Big Bang Theory. 3.00 Young Sheldon. 4.00 Married at First Sight UK. 5.10 The Big Bang Theory.

#### **EDEN**

Sky 166 Virgin 245

12noon Forbidden History. 2.00 Animal Social Network. 5.00 Life in the Great Wetlands. 6.00 The Zoo. 7.00 Forbidden History. 8.00 Life in the Great Wetlands. 9.00 Animal Social Network. 10.00 The Zoo. 11.00 Forbidden History.

Sky 410 Virgin 521

**EUROSPORT 1** 

11.00am Cycling: Road World Championships. 1.00pm Tennis: Laver Cup. **2.00** Equestrian. **3.00** FIA World Endurance Championship. 4.00 Mountain Bike Enduro World Series. 4.30 Triathlon - Embrunman Ironman. 5.00 72: A Gathering of Champions. 7.00 Road World Championships. 9.00 Australian Open Tennis. 10.30 Roland-Garros. 10.45 Mountain Bike Enduro World Series Show. 11.15 Live Cycling: Road World Championships.

#### FILM4

Freeview 14 Sky 313 Virgin 428 11.00am ESTHER WATERS. (1948) (PG) 1.15pm SANTA FE PASSAGE. (1955) (U) 3.05 THE RED PONY. (1949) (U) 4.50 CARRY ON SPYING. (1964) (U) 6.35 INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL. (2008) (12) 9.00 AD ASTRA.

(2019) (12) 11.20 NO ESCAPE. (2015)

#### (15) 1.25am THE BEAST. (2019) (18) **5STAR (DAYTIME)**

Freeview 32 Sky 128 Virgin 151

12noon Shoplifters & Scammers: At War with the Law. 1.00 Traffic Cops. 2.00 Police Interceptors. 5.00 Dogs with Incredible Jobs. 6.00 Home and Away.

#### **5 USA (DAYTIME)**

Freeview 21 Sky 141 Virgin 153 9.00am NCIS. 12noon Law & Order. 1.55 Entertainment News on 5. 2.00 Law & Order. 6.00 NCIS.

#### FOOD NETWORK UK

Freeview 43 Sky 140 Virgin 285 6.00pm The Great British Bake Off. 8.00 The Hairy Bikers' Food Tour of Britain. 9.00 Michel Roux's French Country Cooking. 10.00 Rachel Khoo's Kitchen Notebook: London. 11.00 Restaurant: Impossible.

#### GOLD

Sky 110 Virgin 124

12noon 2point4 Children. 12.40 Dad's Army. 1.20 Outnumbered. 2.00 Keeping Up Appearances. 2.40 Last of the Summer Wine. 4.00 Dad's Army. 4.40 Still Open All Hours. 5.20 Keeping Up Appearances. 6.00 Hi-de-Hi! 6.40 Dad's Army. 8.00 Porridge. 9.20 The Office. 10.00 Live at the Apollo. 11.00 The Cockfields. 11.40 Peep Show.

#### **GREAT! MOVIES**

Freeview 34 Sky 321 Virgin 425 12.50pm GREAT! MOVIE NEWS EXTRA. 1.00 FINAL RECOURSE. (2013)

(12) 2.50 GREAT! MOVIE NEWS EXTRA. 3.00 THREE BEDROOMS, ONE CORPSE: AN AURORA TEAGARDEN MYSTERY. (2016) (PG) 4.45 OUR MAN IN HAVANA. (1959) (PG) 7.05 THE CABLE GUY. (1996) (12) 9.00 AMERICAN GANGSTER. (2007) (18)

#### **GREAT! MOVIES ACTION**

Freeview 42 Sky 323 Virgin 426 11.00am STARSKY & HUTCH. 1.00pm WILL PENNY. (1967) (12) 1.55 THIS WEEK BACK THEN. 2.01 WILL PENNY. (1967) (12) 4.10 THIS WEEK BACK THEN. 4.15 THE BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI. (1957) (PG) 5.30 THIS WEEK BACK THEN. 6.45 GREAT! MOVIE NEWS EXTRA. 6.55 OCEANS RISING. (2016) (PG) 7.50 THIS WEEK BACK THEN. 7.56 OCEANS RISING. (2016) (PG) 9.55 THIS WEEK BACK THEN. 10.01 THE ORDER. (2001) (15) 10.50 THE DAY THE EARTH STOPPED. (2008) (15) 11.45 THIS WEEK BACK THEN. 11.51 THE DAY THE EARTH STOPPED. (2008) (15)

#### **GREAT! CHRISTMAS**

Freeview 52 Sky 319 Virgin 424

10.00am A Christmas Eve Miracle. (2015) (PG) Includes GREAT! Movie News. 12noon The Christmas Cabin.

RADIO 4

FM: 92.4-94.6MHZ; LW: 198KHZ

Prayer for the Day.

5.45 Farming Today.

5.58 Tweet of the Day.

6.00 Today. 8.31 (LW)

story of the great, lost

5.30 News Briefing, 5.43

Yesterday in

9.00 In Our Time. Plato's

island of Atlantis.

(FM) Book of the

Week: Fen, Bog

11.00 Crossing Continents.

12.00 News; (LW) Shipping

Disability and the

Gaming Revolution.

**Just One Thing with** 

Michael Mosley.

& Swamp. By

Annie Proulx.

10.00 Woman's Hour.

Forecast.

12.04 You and Yours.

12.30 All Consuming.

1.00 The World at One.

12.57 Weather.

1.45

11.30 Unplayable:

9.45 (LW) Daily Service.

9.45

Parliament.

#### Millionaire? ITV2 (DAYTIME)

Freeview 6 Sky 118 Virgin 115

(2019) (PG) Includes GREAT! Movie

News. 2.00 Girlfriends of Christmas

Past. (2016) (PG) Includes GREAT!

Movie News. 4.00 Married by

Christmas. (2016) (PG) Includes

GREAT! Movie News. 6.00 His and

Her Christmas. (2005) (PG) Includes

GREAT! Movie News. 8.00 My

Christmas Dream. (2016) (PG)

Includes GREAT! Movie News. 10.00

Crown for Christmas. (2015) (PG)

**GREAT! TV** 

Freeview 50 Sky 157 Virgin 189

12noon Body of Proof. 2.00 Sue

Thomas: F.B.Eye. 4.00 Murder, She

Wrote. 6.00 Hart to Hart. 7.00

M\*A\*S\*H. 9.00 Randall and Hopkirk

(Deceased). 10.00 The Persuaders!

11.00 Classic Who Wants to Be a

Includes GREAT! Movie News.

10.00am One Tree Hill. 11.00 Hart of Dixie. 12noon Supermarket Sweep. 1.00 The Masked Singer U.S. 3.05 Veronica Mars. 4.00 One Tree Hill. 5.00 Hart of Dixie. 6.00 Celebrity Catchphrase.

#### ITV3 (DAYTIME) Freeview 10 Sky 119 Virgin 117

11.30am Heartbeat. 1.40pm

Classic Emmerdale. 2.40 Classic Coronation Street. 3.45 Agatha Christie's Poirot: Murder on the Links. 5.55 Heartbeat.

#### ITV4 (DAYTIME)

Freeview 26 Sky 120 Virgin 118

10.15am Minder. 11.20 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. 12.30pm The Saint. 1.40 Match Time Revisited. 2.45 Magnum, PI. 3.45 The Sweeney. 4.50 Minder. 5.55 Match Time Revisited.

#### ITVBE

Freeview 28 Sky 131 Virgin 119 9.00am LittleBe. 12noon Best Cake Wins. 12.30 The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills. 1.20 The Real Housewives of Jersey. 2.20 The Only Way Is Essex. 3.10 Million Dollar Listing: NYC. 4.05 The Real Housewives of Orange County. 5.00 The Real Housewives of Potomac. 6.00 Masters of Flip. 7.00 Buying and Selling. 8.00 Dinner Date. 9.00 Ferne McCann: First Time Mum.

#### PICK OF TODAY'S RADIO

#### RAMBLINGS, 3PM, RADIO 4

A STRANGE, silent army haunts Langley Vale Wood. The wood was used by the Army during the First World War, filling the area with trenches, a rifle range and a gas training school. Now this mixed woodland in the North Downs is home to a glorious variety of wildlife and

plants — plus 12 life-size sandstone figures. For this week's ramble, Clare Balding joins a group of friends — all of whom have Type 1 diabetes for a walk around the famous Epsom Downs Racecourse and into the ancient wood, where she hears the story behind these solemn figures.

2.00 The Archers. It's the day of Martha's naming ceremony. 2.15 Drama: I've Been So Touched. Comedy drama, by Leila Navabi. 3.00 PC Ramblings.

3.27 Radio 4 Appeal.

3.30 BBC National Short Story Award 2022. 4.00 The Curious Cases of

Rutherford & Frv. A

look at nuclear fusion.

5.00 PM; (LW) Shipping Forecast. 5.57 Weather.

4.30 BBC Inside Science.

6.00 Six O'Clock News. 6.30 Gemma Arrowsmith's Sketched Out. New

7.00 The Archers. Tracy tries to solve a riddle. and Alistair needs to tread carefully.

series. Comic sketches.

Front Row. Arts news.

FREEVIEW PRIMETIME PLANNER 57 Daily Mail, Thursday, September 22, 2022 MORE 4 **PICK** QUEST DAVE DRAMA **5USA** ITV3 ITV 4 **5STAR** 10 12 21 26 36 19 20 32 18 Hawaii Five-0 Heartbeat An elderly Who Wants to Be a Richard Osman's 7.20 Last of the Bargain Brits on 6.55 Escape to the Outback Opal NCIS The agents learn man reports a break-Millionaire? Jeremy Chateau Dick and McGarrett and Danny **Hunters** The Bishop **House of Games Summer Wine** Benefits A single one of their former Angel attempt to Clarkson hosts as With Sara Pascoe investigative assistants in, during which the celebrate Valentine's buys the rights to a lvy receives an mother shows how uninvited visitor left a and Rick Edwards more players try renovate the orangery Day with their vast underground anonymous love letter to get by, eat healthily has been murdered, statue on the kitchen to win the jackpot, girlfriends. American mine and the Bushmer and tries to work out on very little and help and had been selling 7.55 Wondrous Wales 7.40 Room 101 with four lifelines who sent it. Comedy, to save the planet, all information about table — and it is only crime drama, starring are stopped by a Teams from Fishguard With David Tennant, the first in a series of at their disposal Alex O'Loughlin and disturbing discovery starring Bill Owen at the same time how to rob a and Newport compete Trevor McDonald Scott Caan and Peter Sallis unexplained events warehouse in a Celtic boat race, and Aisling Bea while farmer Rhodri 8.20 Would | Lie to **Dirty Home Rescue** NCIS Gibbs and Vera DCI Stanhope Goodwood Revival Magnum P.I. Salvage Hunters Judge John Deed Jones has an anxious You? The Unseen Bits investigates the case **Drew Pritchard heads** Highlights Classic cars Higgins is abducted The judge finds his Helping Bill and DiNozzo investigate few hours as a prize and Thomas discovers to rural Somerset to Extra material from the case of a retired take to Goodwood principles tested by Antionette from of a wealthy betting cow goes beyond her shop tycoon who Motor Circuit it is related to one of rummage through a the panel show in the offer of a place on Newport in south marine colonel found due date. Last in series his first cases on the the Appellate Bench in was murdered during salvage yard. He tries which celebrities join Wales, who share their murdered with an island, so he, Rick and to buy an industrial David Mitchell and Lee return for hushing up a home invasion in home with three cats axe, and discover the ceiling light and a front of his wife and TC must break out an Mack to hoodwink a diplomatic incident. evidence points to his Convinced that an drug-addicted son daughter. Brenda ex-client from prison marble column plinth their opponents Blethyn stars, with Arab sheikh's driver guest appearances is covering for his Ronin (1998,15) **Huge Homes with** The Good Doctor Richard Hammond's **QI XL** Sandi Toksvig Killer at the Crime **Criminal Minds** from Karl Collins, A team of boss over the murder airs questions on the **Hugh Dennis** Claire, Morgan and Workshop Neil and Scene A university The agents join a Patrick Robinson and theme of Quests, of a prostitute, he Hugh visits a modern Marcus treat a young Anthony get to work lecturer is found manhunt for a serial mercenaries are Katy Carmichael is forced to decide inviting Susan Calman, hired to steal a mansion with views boy who is on the on a mystery vehicle stabbed to death in killer who stages car whether to see of the sea in Devon, verge of going blind. from the 1930s Joe Lycett and Holly the middle of a park crashes to conceal the briefcase from a justice done or yield gang of criminals, and a 16th-century Medical drama, with Walsh to join regular details of his murders. to the temptation Freddie Highmore panellist Alan Davies but one of the stately pile in Suffolk. Drama, starring group betrays of the bribe Last in series Kirsten Vangsness the others. John Frankenheimer's Find It, Fix It, Drive It Late Night Mash **Criminal Minds** Wydiffe The **Grand Designs** Britain's Most Evil New Tricks Part two HMP Styal: Women action thriller, Scapegoat: An ancient Australia Peter Killers The case of Henry Cole and Sam Rachel Parris hosts of two. Gerry fights **Behind Bars** Behind The team track a starring Robert De Cornish folk ritual Maddison follows the Joanne Dennehy, who to clear his name Lovegrove have been and is joined by special the scenes at one of murderer with a Niro, Jean Reno. ends in murder progress of a couple in 2013 became the given the chance of guests to deliver before his enemies the most unique and railway fixation Natascha McElhone, in Melbourne as they topical insights and and provides Wycliffe first woman in British a lifetime — to catch up with him, controversial prisons 10.55 Law & Order: Sean Bean and turn their 1850s Carlton history to be given a with one of the most completely rebuild a fake news reports while Sasha and Steve in the UK, home to Special Victims Unit Stellan Skarsgard. baffling mysteries whole life sentence some of Britain's worst terrace into a multiclassic 1930s Wolseley enlist Fiona to help Saliva from a tiger Includes FYI Daily female criminals of his career storied modern home Hornet roadster examine the evidence is discovered on a murdered model. 11.25 Get Carter (1971,18) Thriller, 11.05 24 Hours in A&E World's Most Evil How Do They Do It? Question Team 11.20 Spooks Adam is 11.15 A&E: When 11.05 Maigret The Crime drama, guest Making up Richard Killers A profile of Ed detective returns to Doctors treat a 63-Turning a family car approached by his **Patients Attack** with Caitlin Fitzgerald his home town to starring Michael year-old man with Gein, the killer and into a rally vehicle Ayoade's self-quizzing treacherous former Examining the rising body-snatcher who collective this time are number of incidents investigate a warning Caine and Ian throat cancer who partner, who asks for that a crime is about Hendry (To 1.45) has suffered a bleed came to be known Jonathan Ross, Holly his help when the of violence and How Do They Do It? 11.55 Law & Order: to be committed. Walsh, and Desiree and a baby who as the 'Butcher of team are assigned to antisocial behaviour Special Victims Unit How crash test Michael Gambon stopped breathing Plainfield' (To 12.00) Burch (To 12.00) protect a high-profile in hospitals (To 12.15) dummies make driving Starring Mariska stars (To 12.15) witness (To 12.40) at home (To 12.10) safer (To 12.00) Hargitay (To 12.50)

10.00 Vanderpump Rules. 10.55 Chrisley Knows Best. 11.55 The Only Way Is Essex. 12.55am Unwind with ITV. 1.00 Teleshopping.

#### MORE4 (DAYTIME)

Freeview 18 Sky 136 Virgin 147 11.05am Find It, Fix It, Flog It. 1.05pm Heir Hunters. 2.10 Four in a Bed. 4.50 Find It, Fix It, Flog It. 5.55 Car S.O.S. 6.55 Escape to the Chateau.

#### NAT'L GEOGRAPHIC

Sky 129 Virgin 266

11.00am Lost Treasures of Egypt. 12noon Secrets of the Civil War: Drain the Oceans. 1.00 Ultimate Airport Dubai. 2.00 Air Crash Investigation. 4.00 Ice Road Rescue: Highway Havoc. 5.00 Car S.O.S. 6.00 World War II: Secrets From Above. 7.00 Air Crash Investigation. 8.00 Drain Alcatraz. 9.00 Wicked Tuna. 10.00 To Catch a Smuggler. 11.00 Air Crash Investigation.

#### **PBS AMERICA**

Freeview 84 Sky 174 Virgin 273 12noon Nazi Hunters. 1.00 Castles: Britain's Fortified History. 2.20 Muhammad Ali. 4.55 Nazi Hunters.

5.50 Castles: Britain's Fortified History. 7.05 Muhammad Ali. 9.45 Nazi Hunters. 10.45 No Roses on a Sailor's Grave.

#### PICK (DAYTIME)

Freeview 36 Sky 159 Virgin 156 12noon Road Wars. 1.00 Border Patrol. **2.00** Nothing to Declare. **4.00** Stargate SG-1. **5.00** Star Trek: Enterprise. 6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine.

#### QUEST (DAYTIME)

Freeview 12 Sky 144

11.00am Fantomworks. 12noon Scrapyard Dynasty. 1.00 Money for Nothing. 2.00 The Repair Shop. 3.00 Find It, Fix It, Flog It. 4.00 Salvage Hunters. 5.00 Salvage Hunters: The Restorers. 6.00 Wheeler Dealers.

#### REALLY

Freeview 17 Sky 142 Virgin 128 12noon Money for Nothing. 1.00 The Hotel Inspector: The Walkout. 2.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia.
4.00 Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet. 5.00 Ambulance. 6.00 Money for Nothing. 7.00 Antiques Road Trip. 9.00 Ghost Adventures: Screaming

■ MICHAELA STRACHAN

Table Mountain from one

Hout Bay from the other.

Michaela, who grew up in

Surrey, has lived in Cape

episode of YOUR PLACE

(pictured) can look out over

side of her house and across

Town since 2002. In tonight's

OR MINE (11PM, RADIO 4),

she tries to persuade Shaun

and join her in South Africa

Keaveny to get off his sofa

to go whale-watching

and ziplining, and look

at the wonderful wildlife

of her adopted homeland.

to Believe. 11.00 Ghost Adventures. **SKY ARTS** 

Room. 10.00 The Osbournes Want

Freeview 11 Sky 130 Virgin 165 12noon Celebrity Portrait Artist of Year. 1.00 Tales of the Unexpected. 2.00 Boswell & Johnson's Scottish Road Trip. 3.00 Portrait Artist of the Year 2017. 4.00 Discovering: Robert Shaw. 5.00 Tales of the Unexpected. 6.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents. 7.00 Discovering: Daniel Day-Lewis. 8.00 Lenny Henry's Got the Blues. 9.00 The Directors. 10.00 Discovering: Matthew McConaughey. Alfred Hitchcock Presents.

#### SKY ATLANTIC

Sky 108

10.00am The Sopranos. 12.15pm Ray Donovan. 2.25 Game of Thrones. 3.30 Boardwalk Empire. 5.45 The Sopranos. 7.55 Game of Thrones. 9.00 I Hate Suzie. 9.45 The Staircase. 11.00 House of the Dragon.

#### SKY COMEDY

Sky 114 Virgin 135

11.30am Curb Your Enthusiasm. 1.25pm How to Make It in America.

#### RADIO 2 FM: 88-90.2MHZ

6.30 The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show. **9.30** Ken Bruce. **12.00** Jeremy Vine. 2.00 Steve Wright. 5.00 Sara Cox. 6.30 Sara Cox's Half Wower. **7.00** Jo Whiley's Shiny Happy Playlist. **7.30** Jo Whiley. **9.00** The Country Show with Bob Harris. 10.00 Trevor Nelson's Magnificent 7. 10.30 Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation. 12.00 OJ Borg.

#### RADIO 3 FM: 90.2-92.4MHZ

6.30 Breakfast. 9.00 Essential Classics. 12.00 Composer of the Week. 1.00 Lunchtime Concert. 2.00 Afternoon Concert. 5.00 In Tune. 7.00 In Tune Mixtape. 7.30 Radio 3 in Concert. 10.00 Free Thinking. 10.45 The Essay: Coming Home. 11.00 The Night Tracks Mix. 11.30 Unclassified. 12.30 Through the Night.

#### RADIO 5 LIVE MW: 693/909KHZ

5.00 Wake Up to Money. 6.00 5 Breakfast. 9.00 Nicky Live Campbell. 11.00 Adrian Chiles. 1.00 Nihal Arthanayake. 4.00 5 Live Drive. 7.00 5 Live Sport. 7.45 Nations League Football. Belgium v Wales. 10.00 Colin Murray. 1.00 Dotun Adebayo.

2.30 The Office (US). 3.00 Will & Grace. 5.00 The Office (US). 5.30 Futurama. 6.30 Everybody Hates Chris. 7.30 The Office (US). 8.45 Sex and the City. 10.00 Bloods. 10.30 Intelligence. 11.30 Sex and the City.

#### **SKY DOCUMENTARIES**

Sky 121 Virgin 278

10.50am The Vietnam War. 12noon FILM: You Cannot Kill David Arquette. (2020) (15) 2.00 Richard Pryor: Omit the Logic. 3.40 My Icon: Christine Ohuruogu. 4.00 The Directors. 5.00 Discovering: Charles Laughton. 6.00 Liverpool Narcos. 6.55 The Man Who Bought Cricket. 7.50 The Vietnam War. 9.00 Gaming Wall St. 11.30 The Directors.

#### **SKY DRAMA**

Sky 310 Virgin 410

12noon A JOURNAL FOR JORDAN. (2021) (12) 2.15 A MONSTER CALLS. (2016) (12) 4.05 THE IDES OF MARCH. (2011) (15) 5.50 SPOTLIGHT. (2015) (15) 8.00 STRAIGHT OUTTA COMPTON. (2015) (15) 10.30 MILK. (2008) (15)

#### **SKY HISTORY**

Sky 123 Virgin 270

12noon American Pickers. 1.00 Weird or What? with William Shatner. 2.00 Highway Thru Hell. 3.00 Pawn Stars. 4.00 Swamp People. 5.00 Mega Transports. 6.00 American Pickers. 7.00 Forged in Fire. 8.00 Pawn Stars. 9.00 Forged in Fire. 10.00 Alone: Polar Bear Island. 11.30 The American Presidency with Bill Clinton.

#### SKYMAX

Sky 113 Virgin 121 11.00am NCIS: New Orleans. 1.00pm Hawaii Five-0. 2.00 MacGyver. 3.00 DC's Legends of Tomorrow. 4.00 The Flash. 5.00 Supergirl. **6.00** Stargate SG-1. **8.00** An Idiot Abroad 2. **9.00** A League of

#### **SKY PREMIERE**

Hour. 11.15 COBRA: Cyberwar.

Their Own. 10.00 Cricket's Funniest

Moments. 10.30 The Russell Howard

Sky 301 Virgin 401

12noon JOCKEY. (2021) (15) 1.55 MURDER AT YELLOWSTONE CITY. (2022) (15) 4.10 SING 2. (2021) (U) 6.10 MONA LISA AND THE BLOOD MOON. (2021) (15) 8.00 AFTER YANG. (2022) (PG) 9.55 MURDER AT YELLOWSTONE CITY. (2022) (15)

#### **SKY SCI-FI**

Sky 152 Virgin 139

12noon Star Trek: Enterprise. 2.00 Futurama. 3.00 Fringe. 4.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine. 5.00 Stargate SG-1. 6.00 Star Trek: Enterprise. 8.00 Manifest. 9.00 TBA. 11.00 A Discovery of Witches.

#### **SKY WITNESS**

Sky 107 Virgin 112

12noon The Rookie. 1.00 FBI. 2.00 Blue Bloods. 3.00 The Equalizer. 4.00 Paramedics: Australia. 5.00 Nothing to Declare. 8.00 Blue Bloods. 9.00 FBI. 10.00 FBI: International. 11.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.

#### SKY MAIN EVENT

Sky 401 Virgin 511

12noon Sky Sports News. 12.30 Live DP World Tour Golf. The Open de France, 3.00 Live International T20 Cricket. Pakistan v England. 7.30 Live PGA Tour Golf. The Presidents Cup. 11.00 Sky Sports News. 12midnight Live NFL. Cleveland Browns v Pittsburgh Steelers.

#### SKY PREMIER LEAGUE

Sky 402 Virgin 512

12noon Gary Neville's Soccerbox. 1.00 Premier League Years. 3.00 PL Greatest Games. 4.00 Best Goals 08/09. 5.00 100 Club. 6.00 PL Legends. 7.00 The Big Interview. 7.30 PL Stories. 8.00 Gary Neville's Soccerbox. 9.00 The Big Interview. 9.30 Premier League Stories. 10.00 PL Icons. 10.30 PL Retro.

#### SKYFOOTBALL

Sky 403 Virgin 513 12noon EFL Highlights. 12.30 EFL

Goals: Leagues 1 & 2. 1.00 WSL. 1.30 EFL Highlights. 2.00 Mls Round Up Show. 2.30 EFL Goals: Leagues 1 & 2. 3.00 Bundesliga Highlights Show. 4.00 EFL Highlights. 4.30 EFL Goals: Leagues 1 & 2. 5.00 EFL Greatest Games. 5.30 SPFL Greatest Games. 6.00 Bundesliga Weekly. 6.30 Inside the WSL. 7.00 Women's Championship Show. 7.30 EFL Goals: Leagues 1 & 2. 8.00 Scottish Premiership Round-Up. 8.15 SPFL Highlights. 8.30 Bundesliga Weekly. 9.00 Inside the WSL. 9.30 Women's Championship Show. 10.00 Scottish Premiership Round-Up. 10.15 SPFL Highlights. 10.30 Bundesliga Weekly. 11.00 EFL Greatest Games.

#### SKY CRICKET Sky 404 Virgin 514

12.30pm Ace: A Programme For Change. 12.55 Cricket's Climate Crisis. 1.15 Women's World T20 Classics. 1.30 Graeme Swann Spin Bowling Clinic. 2.00 Women's One-Day International Cricket. 3.00 Live International T20 Cricket. Pakistan v England. 7.30 Women's International One-Day Cricket. 8.30 International T20 Cricket.

#### **SKY MIX**

Sky 416 Virgin 520 12noon British Basketball. 3.00 Live Ladies European Tour Golf. 6.00

Betfred Super League Highlights. 6.30 Women's Super League. 7.30 Women's International One-Day Cricket. 8.30 Betfred Super League. 9.30 Fight Night International. Shakur 10.30 Stevenson: **11.00** Women's Homecoming. International One-Day Cricket.

#### **SMITHSONIAN**

Freeview 57 Sky 171 Virgin 276

12noon Aerial Africa. 1.00 The Pacific War in Colour. 3.00 America in Colour. 4.00 Incredible Animal Moments. 5.00 Lethal Attractions. 6.00 The Real Mad Men of Advertising. 8.00 Inside the Factory. 9.00 How Did They Build That? 10.00 Ice Airport Alaska. 11.00 Inside the Factory.

#### TALKING PICTURES TV

Freeview 82 Sky 328 Virgin 445 10.30am FILM: One Way Pendulum. (1964) (U) 12.10pm FILM: Sailing Along. (1938) (U) 2.00 Hannay. 3.00 FILM: Watch Out. (1953) (U) 3.25 FILM: Wherever She Goes. (1951) (U) 5.05 Dalekmania. 6.20 FILM: Daleks' Invasion Earth: 2150 AD. (1966) (U) 8.00 The Saint. 9.00 Justice. 10.00 The Rivals of Sherlock Holmes. 11.00 Widows.

#### TCM

Sky 315 Virgin 415 8.10am CHEYENNE. 9.20 THE LAST

CHALLENGE. (1967) (PG) 11.15 CHEYENNE. 1.30pm MURDER AT THE GALLOP. (1963) (U) 3.15 HIRED GUN. (1957) (U) 4.35 OPERATION: DAYBREAK. (1975) (15) 7.00 THE SPY IN THE GREEN HAT. (1966) (U) 9.00 LETHAL WEAPON. (1987) (15) Action thriller, starring Mel Gibson. 11.15 A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET. (1984) (18) 1.10am GUN FIGHT. (1961) (U)

Sky 132 Virgin 125

11.00am Inside the Ambulance. 2.00pm Tipping Point. 4.00 DIY SOS: The Big Build. 5.00 Property Brothers: Forever Homes. 7.00 MasterChef Australia. 8.00 Jo Frost: Nanny on Tour. 9.00 Emma Willis: Delivering Babies. 10.00 Nurses on the Ward. 11.00 Inside the Ambulance: Coast and Country.

#### YESTERDAY

Freeview 27 Sky 155 Virgin 129 12noon The Architecture the Railways Built. 1.00 Bangers and Cash. 2.00 Abandoned Engineering. 4.00 War Factories. 5.00 The World at War. 6.00 Top Gear. 7.00 Abandoned Engineering. 8.00 Bangers and Cash. 9.00 Secrets of the London Underground. 10.00 Bangers and Cash. 11.00 Abandoned Engineering.

#### 8.00 The Briefing Room. Big issues in the news. 8.30 The Digital Human.

Aleks Krotoski asks why people are always yearning for the next technological solution. Last in series.

9.00 BBC Inside Science. The latest research. 9.30 In Our Time. See 9am. 9.59 Weather.

10.00 The World Tonight.

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Stone Blind. By Natalie Haynes. Read by Susannah Fielding. 11.00 PCK Your Place

or Mine. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00 News and Weather.

12.30 Book of the Week: Fen, Bog & Swamp. 12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.00 As World Service.

#### ARIES Mar 21 - Apr 20 YOU'RE not what people call 'conventional'. You see things differently. And you do things differently. Some folk struggle to understand that. They consider you to be a bit of a rebel. But that doesn't make you wrong. You make mistakes, you're only human. But you learn from them, just like almost everyone else. It isn't right, fair or helpful to judge yourself by someone else's standards today. Keep doing what you're doing because this powerful cosmic climate encourages others to see how valuable you are. It's the Equinox. Let it guide you to the future you're silently,

secretly longing for. Call 0906 751 5601.

TAURUS Apr 21 - May 21 MOST kids, when they watch Aladdin, ask why he doesn't use his third wish to ask for three more wishes. At least, though, he was (almost uniquely among wish-fulfilment fairy stories) sensible enough to use his wishes responsibly. Other characters seem to fritter them away on this or that in a meaningless, aimless way. The current cosmic climate offers you a chance to be more Aladdin! So, make the most of your time, your energy and your resources. Focus on what matters. Then, do everything you can to achieve it. How will the Equinox transform your life? There's inspiring news in your latest forecast. Call 0906 751 5602.

**GEMINI** May 22 - June 22 WE'RE nearing the

Equinox: one of the two moments in each year when day and night are of equal length. These aren't the only natural forces that are now, potentially, in a state of balance. Wherever there's an injustice in your life, or an unfair situation, there's an opportunity to sort it out. You might not be able to make everything perfect. But you can see the difference between an annoying situation and one that's problematic. Your sense of perspective is your greatest asset. **Nurture it.** Capture the powerful energy of this week's Equinox. Call your in-depth, four-minute forecast: 0906 751 5603.

CANCER June 23 - July 23 WHAT makes

confident that things are going to get better? Where's your evidence? Or are you just going on gut instinct and encouraging words from your astrologer? Other people might call 'gut instinct' unfounded optimism! And maybe I'm talking to some other Cancerian? Well, I'm

## OSCAR CAL

YESTERDAY we talked about a sense of justice being key to knowing what to do in this unusual cosmic climate. As we approach the Equinox, when the hours of light and dark are equal and the Sun moves into Libra (sign of the

scales) the cosmos urges us to seek harmonious solutions. The Cosmic Boomerang brings inspiration and liberation. If we focus on imbalanced situations. we can draw on experience to find fair solutions.

not. You have faith in the future — and you're right to have it. As we approach the Equinox, more hard evidence of the good things in store will fall into place. When you're confident about what lies ahead, you'll start to make it a reality. The Equinox brings potential for powerful positive change. There's great news in your forecast. Call 0906 751 5604.

LEO July 24 - Aug 23 THINGS get a bit intense around this time of year. It's to do with the change of season. And to do with the Equinox. Your mood begins to alter and your mind gets clearer. You feel ready to fix any issues you've been tolerating. You're no longer willing to be backed into a corner or trapped by unsatisfactory situations. Your easy-going nature becomes more certain. You start to move goalposts and rewrite rulebooks. Some years, you make a few adjustments. You're ready to take a bold **step. You won't regret it.** It's the Equinox. Let it guide you to the future you're silently, secretly longing for. Call 0906 751 5605.

VIRGO Aug 24 - Sep 23 ALTHOUGH it's impossible to be sure that we're doing the 'right thing', we know, with certainty, when we're doing the 'wrong one'. We all have habits and patterns that we do because they're easy. They might not be especially good for us but we can't find the effort or the willpower to change. The forecast. Call 0906 751 5606.

coming Equinox extends an invitation to you. If you try, you can create a better balance between the positive and negative factors in your world. It's time to free yourself from an old mindset. And replace it with a positive one. How will the Equinox transform your life? There's inspiring news in your latest

LIBRA Sep 24 - Oct 23 I'D LIKE to point out that the

great Louis Armstrong didn't sing about 'a sensible world'. Our pragmatic daily occupations are rarely the topic of great songs. We prefer to be regaled with stories of love and passion rather than the washing-up. The coming Equinox marks an annual moment of rebalancing. It also heralds the arrival of the Sun in your sign. It's time for you to correct an inequality that errs too far on the side of caution. If you find yourself being spontaneous, get **creative.** Capture the powerful energy of this week's Equinox. Call your in-depth, four-minute forecast: 0906 751 5607.

SCORPIO Oct 24 - Nov 22 TODAY'S question is about what matters to you. Of course, we all have different answers. We all prioritise different things — and it would be arrogant to imagine that what's important to someone else is important to you. And when something doesn't interest us, it's almost impossible to prioritise it — even if someone you value wants you to do just that. The coming Equinox helps you see a situation from someone else's perspective. And, since they matter to you, you might find you're able to change your priorities. The Equinox brings potential for powerful positive change. There's great news in your forecast. Call 0906 751 5608.

#### SAGITTARIUS Nov 23 - Dec 21 WE

not guite reached the Equinox; the bi-annual balancing process that affects the planet. And, if we choose, we can ignore the symbolism of the days being of equal length to the nights. Yet if you stop rushing around and take a moment to stop to think about

how this levelling of light and dark might affect you, you'll see an indication that something unfair in your world is changing, in a good way. You've been putting up with an unsatisfactory situation for a while. It's about to be put right. It's the Equinox. Let it guide you to the future you're silently, secretly longing for. Call 0906 751 5609.

CAPRICORN Dec 22 - Jan 20 ARE you

with superpowers? Or are you a saint? If the answer to either of these questions is 'no', then why try to follow the same protocols demonstrated by these kind of superhumans? Well, one answer might be that you're gifted with rare and precious abilities. On a good day, it's almost as if your cape's whipping in the wind and your halo's glowing. When you do your very best you really do seem to be able to work miracles. Don't hide your light under a bushel. There's too much good to be done for that today. How will the Equinox transform your life? There's inspiring news in your latest forecast. Call 0906 751 5610.

AQUARIUS Jan 21 - Feb 19 IT'S almost the

Equinox, when the days and nights are balanced. When the light equals the dark, the balance between hope and fear can shift too. The cosmic energy invites us all to look at what we've got too much (or not enough) of. One factor in your life has become repressive. You want to be free from a disagreeable situation. But you don't have to remove it from your world. You just need to limit the extent to which you take it so seriously. You can find a way to see the **lighter side of it today.** Capture the powerful energy of this week's Equinox. Call your in-depth, four-minute forecast: 0906 751 5611.

PISCES Feb 20 - Mar 20 WE SPEND too long pondering what to do and not enough time doing it. We're so worried about the whats, the hows, the whys and the wherefores that, if we're not careful, opportunities pass us by. 'It's OK', we tell ourselves, 'if it were meant to be, it would have been. Something better will come along'. And sometimes, we're right. But we never know for sure. The coming Equinox brings another chance to reflect and reconsider. Focus less on what 'could' happen and make sure that what 'can' happen, does. The Equinox brings potential for powerful positive change. There's great

news in your forecast. Call 0906 751 5612.

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#### **PETERBOROUGH**

## Small glitch when I was getting hitched

OWARDS the end of my military training, we were told we were likely to be posted to Cyprus on completion. Coincidentally, at around the same time I'd asked for permission to get married, which had been granted by the C.O. I proceeded on seven days' compassionate leave and we were married in Manchester on Saturday, December 20, 1956. The next day I received a telegram telling me to return to barracks immediately for embarkation! As we were not at war I was not too pleased with this news, and nor was my new bride. I resolved to go to the Royal Military Police depot some miles away. Once there, I was marched into the adjutant's office.

After I explained the problem and showed him my leave pass, he decided it should be

granddaughter and I were

using the air hand dryers in

She looked on in amazement

TINGS CAN ONLY GET BETTER - a

THINGS CAN ONLY GET BITTER -

THONGS CAN ONLY GET BETTER —

THINGS CAN ONLY GET WETTER -

THINKS CAN ONLY GET BETTER —

John Cuthbertson, Durham City.

**Joke** 

Picture that!

**SUNNY SMILE:** My giant

sunflower looking down

Robin Boultwood,

Swanage, Dorset.

on me recently.

Richard Myers,

Bookham, Surrey.

OUR local origami class has

had to close, due to lack of

numbers. With rising costs

and falling support, the

choice but to fold.

organisers simply had no

a bit more material might do

triangle player knows that

'practice makes perfect'.

especially in protracted

divorce proceedings.

that's a typical British

just concentrate on

summer for you.

the subject.

MY five-year-old

the Ladies.

the trick.

Out Of The Mouths Of Babes

honoured. He told me to continue my leave and he would square it with my commanding officer. Well done to the military police! I arrived back in camp in uniform and reported to the company office. It was open but deserted, as most of the battalion were on Christmas

as I dried my hands and said:

Sign language

CONCEALED

ENTRANCE

MEASURED RESPONSE:

I spotted this sign on a

or water meters.

5 METERS

Rosalie Daubney,

Evesham, Worcs.

'Granny, why is your skin

going all wobbly?'

leave. While I stood there wondering what to do, the Sgt Major rushed in. He didn't know me from Adam, but ordered me to look after the office — but to come and get him if 'that bloody Private Morgan' turned up! The C.S.M. stormed out, obviously none too pleased that I had spoiled his Cyprus draft.

I noticed a travel warrant on his desk made out to my good self. So, throwing caution to the wind, I grabbed it, rushed to get all my kit out of the stores, legged it to Aldershot station and caught the next train to the transit depot in Bordon. Nothing was ever said and, although I could have still joined my Cyprus draft, I never went. Recognising initiative and cunning, they took me on the permanent staff there. Bordon should have been

Michael Morgan, ex R.A.S.C. NCO, Northallerton, North Yorks.

Today's poem

THE QUEEN OF JUBILEES

revered, of global fame -

For three-score-years-and-

ten she ruled the roost

Elizabeth the Second was

named Boredom, though;

punishment deserved!

A Queen there was,

her name.

#### **LETTERS**

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#### **Spellbound Down Under**

FROM the bottom of the planet, I would like to thank UK broadcasters for their coverage of the Queen's funeral. The BBC's was impeccable their feed was technically perfect.

We in New Zealand could watch live: the lone piper, the choral cadences, the sailors pulling the carriage. A greater display of overall dignity and discipline may never be witnessed again.

Only when you see such transparency can you grasp what a democratic society means. No one forced any loyalty. No one staged any grief.

Putin, Kim Jong-un and Xi Jinping should look and learn. Respect always has to be earned.

MICHAEL PREECE, Opua, Bay of Islands, New Zealand.

#### **Devoted Camilla**

GIVEN the devotion and duty that Camilla, Queen Consort, shows to His Majesty the King and the country, can we not drop the title 'consort' and just call her Queen?

L. PRINCE, London NW3.

#### No respect

WHAT a shame so many people lining roads during the processions saw fit not to bow their heads but to hold up mobile phones instead.

IAN MacDONALD, Billericay, Essex.

#### **Odd priorities**

THOSE planning the events last week could have shown greater consideration for the public.

The Scots were given very little time to visit St Giles' Cathedral because a whole day was wasted taking the Queen's coffin to Holyrood House. The same thing happened in London when she was taken to Buckingham Palace.

These occasions were apparently for staff to pay their last respects. Could they not have gone to St Giles' and Westminster Hall privately, before the public were allowed in?

CLIVE JACKSON, Ramsgate, Kent.

#### **Royal opportunity**

NOW would be the ideal time to create a lasting legacy for the late Queen Elizabeth by bequeathing any spare royal estates to the nation. Balmoral would be a wonderful home for ex-servicemen or hospice, as would Clarence House.

Perhaps the Castle of Mey could be donated to the nation.

KATE MANNING, Wittersham, Kent.

#### Junk food future

JACOB REES-MOGG'S imperial measurements consultation with no option to say no, taken together with Liz Truss's plan to axe the sugar tax and to have a bonfire of regulations, is likely to pave the way for the U.S. processed food industry.

The sale of its products, aimed at the less well-off, has been associated with high levels of cardiovascular diseases and obesity in the U.S., Mexico and among the Chagos islanders.

This Government's top priority is

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obviously to open up the UK to a future U.S. trade deal. Not for nothing is the UK known to big business as 'Treasure Island', the gift that goes on giving.

DAVID COPSEY, Brighton, E. Sussex.

#### Don't forget us

CHANCELLOR Kwasi Kwarteng is due to give us an emergency taxcutting budget this week, shaking the magic money tree. Can Liz Truss kindly remind him of the existence of pensioners, who will soon be deciding whether to eat or heat, as we won't be able to do both.

G. DAWSON, Liverpool.

#### **Back to basics**

WELL, my second childhood is certainly approaching. Freezing cold bedrooms, saving hot water, sweaters indoors, limited choice of food, switching off lights and walking everywhere to save bus fares.

Who said deja vu?

TONY CLARK, Great Glen, Leics.

#### **Majestic model**

IF WORLDWIDE orders are not already flooding in for Britain's stylish state hearse, built by Jaguar with design input from the Queen herself, I'd be mightily surprised.

HUW BEYNON, Llandeilo, Carms.

#### Horrible hero

I WAS interested to read the extracts from Ben Macintyre's book about Colditz (Mail).

When I was a teenager and a young man in the 1950s and 1960s, I knew three people who had met the legless flying ace Douglas Bader. One was an elderly widow, the others senior NCOs in the military.

All three said he was the nastiest piece of work they had ever met. I suspect his reputation as a 'jolly good chap' came about because he was played by Kenneth More in the biopic Reach For The Sky, and More tended to play 'jolly good chaps'.

BRIAN MOONEY, Walmer, Kent.

#### **Focus on football**

IT IS time for the Mail's Martin Samuel and other sports writers to stop bemoaning the fact that the

#### Peterborough, Cambs.

One-line

bike ride and wondered if

they were gas, electricity

#### **Philosophers** ■ YOU can give without

loving, but you cannot love without giving.

Chuck Welch, Houston, Texas. ■ MY HUSBAND is tone deaf when he sings, his voice is so flat it's practically horizontal.

> Mrs Valerie Ashton, London N14.

John Skeels,

#### This England

I HAD to feel sorry for a new intake of students when I saw the sign outside their school: 'New term begins today. Resistance is futile.

Ian MacDonald, Billericay, Essex.

#### And gave us Brits a selfassuring boost Through walkabouts and bric-a-brac that bore Her likeness. She was loved by rich and poor Who visited each town and rural place Her palaces and castles

took up space. Her Silver, Gold and **Diamond Jubilees** Were past, as were those days we ruled the seas. Her reign had overseen an Empire's fall, Yet she remained a constant to us all. Upon her final, Platinum Jubilee, We rallied to her gracious Majesty, And while the world

around grew ever strange, Her strength of presence steadied us for change. Paul A. Freeman, Abu Dhabi.

#### Limerick

Now Elizabeth's been laid to rest We give thanks for the fact we were blessed By a monarch so rare, With charisma to spare, Who consistently gave of her best.

Ken Irons, Newport, Isle of Wight.

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# Popular: Queen Salote

LEARNING that King Tupou VI of Tonga was among heads of state attending the Queen's funeral reminded me of when, aged 12, I watched grainy black and white images of the Queen's Coronation on a tiny TV screen.

SALUTE TO TONGA'S QUEEN SALOTE

His grandmother, the majestic 6ft 3in Queen Salote Tupou III, shared her horse-drawn carriage in the procession with the comparatively diminutive Sultan of Kelantan (whom Noel Coward is said to

have laughingly called 'her lunch').

Even though it was pouring with rain, she refused to allow attendants to put up the carriage roof so as not to disappoint the crowds, who responded by taking her instantly to their hearts.

I've often pondered whether the rainsodden Sultan was terribly happy with the decision of his fellow passenger.

> ROBERT READMAN, Bournemouth.

## Rift with Sussexes: can it ever be healed?

AS A very senior citizen (born in 1943), I was deeply affected by the Queen's passing, but I feel that any moves towards reconciliation with Harry and Meghan should be handled very carefully. These two have treated the UK with disdain. If they want to rejoin us, they must make the apologies.

> JENNY HARRISON-SMITH, Peterborough, Cambs.

WILL someone please tell Meghan she doesn't always need to hold Harry's hand when they're out. He's old enough now not to get lost.

SANDRA BARNES, address supplied.

WHAT a stupid decision it was to disinvite Harry and Meghan from the state reception before the funeral. Meghan's deep curtsy at Westminster Hall made up for so much, and the two brothers together in uniform was at last how it should be. Let's not spoil the chance of a reconciliation.

ALAN KIPPS, Benfleet, Essex.

KING CHARLES is setting a wonderful example in the love and forgiveness he has shown Harry and Meghan since the Queen's death. Hopefully, the Sussexes will come to understand how hurt people felt on the Royal Family's behalf after their Oprah Winfrey interview, and desist from further mudslinging.

J. GREEN, Burton upon Trent, Staffs. MEGHAN knows that by holding hands with Harry, she becomes the centre of attention. She always has to be the star attraction.

J. HULL, Worthing, W. Sussex.

CAN Meghan now take a leaf from her own mother's book and keep her thoughts to herself?

FIFA World Cup is taking

place in Qatar, and start pre-

paring to enjoy the best foot-

ball tournament in the world.

Gareth Southgate and his

players need to stop involving

themselves in politics, taking

the knee and worrying about

human rights, and focus on their football. The best way

for our black players to coun-

ter any racist chants or abuse is to play the brilliant football we know they are capable of.

As for spectators, if you

cannot accept that Qatar is a

conservative Islamic state,

don't go. The TV coverage is

excellent and you can enjoy a

beer on your own sofa for a lot

less money. But those who do

go may find it's not such a bad

place — and I say that as one

ROBERT BISHOP,

who has lived there.



#### In mourning: Harry and Meghan

I DO hope the Duchess of Sussex now 'gets' the Royal Family. The British public are very protective of them, as the outpouring of affection shown this past week made abundantly clear.

SALLY FISHER, Saffron Walden, Essex. WHY are Harry and Meghan being

criticised for showing support and comfort to each other on such a solemn occasion? What more do the critics want from them?

BARBARA EDWARDS, Uxbridge, Ontario.

L. CARTER, Harrogate, N. Yorks. THE row over Harry's uniform EIIR

initials being removed, while militarily correct, was something the Palace should have avoided by permitting him to wear them on the day. However, Harry will no doubt include this snub in his forthcoming book.

IT WAS a mistake to allow Harry to wear the uniform of the Blues and Royals to the vigil, especially as the

Queen was their colonel-in-chief. JOHN SAVAGE, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

JAMES WIGNALL, Accrington, Lancs.

BOTH Harry and Andrew served this country in military conflicts, which I have no doubt the Queen was very proud of. Regardless of what they may have done since, compassion and recognition of their service should have meant them being allowed to wear appropriate uniforms.

PETER R. FAULKNER, Lincoln.

IF HARRY was so upset about his uniform insignia, he should have considered the implications more closely before giving up his position as a working Royal.

JUDY HOWSAM, Skegness, Lincs.

MEGHAN looked out of her depth and awkward last week, which is why she locked hands with Harry. They should think long and hard about allowing their book to be published.

B. McCRINDLE, Cumnock, Ayrshire. MIGHT Meghan's experiences in the past few days have taught her the difference between duty and celebrity?

D. WILLIAMS, Colchester, Essex.

AT THE funeral itself, for once the Duke and Duchess of Sussex didn't hold hands. It's a wonder neither of them fell down or ran away.

AMANDA YATES, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

## Straight to the

■ NEW banknotes bearing the image of King Charles III should be printed on elastic to make the money stretch further.

DAVID KIRKWOOD, Aspatria, Cumbria.

■ DISRESPECT the prophet Mohammed and it's a hate crime. Be abusive about the Queen, who was head of the Church of England, and you are exercising your right to protest.

R. HARRIS, London SE9.

■ WHY not 'Elizabeth the Loved'?

CHRISTINE SYMCOX, Rotherham, S. Yorks.

■ KENNETH BRANAGH as Boris Johnson in a new Sky TV drama? I'd say he looks more like Stanley Johnson.

GUY VARLEY, Edlesborough, Bucks.

■ THOSE stewards who confiscated caramel sweets from queueing mourners sound like real jobswerthers.

P. HARVEY, Bristol.

■ WERE the death and funeral of the Queen reported in Russia and North Korea?

EDDIE PEART, Rotherham, S. Yorks.

■ WITH the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, we have lost our North Star.

M.E. CHAPPELL, Saltash, Cornwall.

■ I FIND solace in the expression: 'Say not in grief that she is no more, but in thankfulness that she was.'

STELLA REEVES, Eckington, Worcs.

■ WHAT arrangements were made to cover the Queen's coffin in the event of heavy rain?

BRIAN SMITH, Kings Langley, Herts.

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#### **Unloyed lefties**

THE letter in Tuesday's Mail about the difficulties of being left-handed struck a chord.

During World War II, I attended the kindergarten class of a North London school. I was naturally lefthanded but the teachers tried to force me to use my right hand when writing. One, Sister Patrick, used to hit me on the knuckles if I wrote with my left hand. Finally, she warned me: 'God doesn't love left-handed children'.

GORDON MORRIS, Southwick, Wilts.

#### **Mobile monarch**

OH DEAR. I don't think I'll

ever be able to hear our national anthem again without remembering the television subtitles during the Queen's funeral: 'God save our gracious King, long live our mobile King.'

Still, I suppose it's another precious memory.

> DIANE LODGE, Bridlington, E. Yorks.

#### LETTER OF THE WEEK

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#### Billingshurst, W. Sussex. Who did we forget to thank for the flawless farewell?

THERE will be expressions of gratitude to all who contributed toward the smooth arrangements for the Queen's funeral. May I suggest one group: the police motorcycle outriders who led the cortege at various times. Especially commendable were the three riders who led the cortege to the gates of Buckingham Palace - they stopped with helmeted heads bowed as the hearse overtook them to enter the gates. It was truly a moving moment.

ALAN RAYMOND, Littlehampton, W. Sussex.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Duke of Norfolk for his meticulous planning of HM The Queen's funeral. Every tiny detail was put into practice brilliantly by the logistics people and the servicemen and women who participated, particularly the bearer party. Well done, Britain.

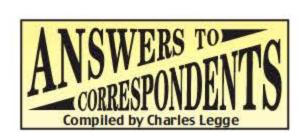
KEITH STUART BALES, Bibra Lake, Australia.

AS ONE of the thousands who attended the lying in state at St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh, I want to thank my old friend Robert Aldridge, the Lord Provost and Lord Lieutenant of Edinburgh, and

all the staff at Edinburgh City Council, for the magnificent way they conducted the occasion.

NIGEL BODDY, Darlington, N. Yorks. THE Metropolitan Police officers and those from other constabularies involved with the route-lining and funeral arrangements for Queen Elizabeth all looked extremely well turned-out and professional. The Special Escort Group deserve extra praise for escorting and safely delivering the Royal Family, heads of state, prime ministers, dignitaries and Commonwealth leaders. You were a credit to the Met.

TOM STANHOPE, Northampton.



#### QUESTION Are Samurai Katana swords made of steel folded 1,000 times?

JAPANESE sword makers (*Katana kaji*) didn't fold steel 1,000 times. However, each fold increased the number of steel layers exponentially. Thus, by folding the steel ten times they would get 1,024 layers (ie 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 508, 1,024). The hardened edge of the best Katana were folded 15 times (32,768 layers).

The sword has been the symbol of Japanese martial strength and beauty for 1,700 years, with the curved Katana at the pinnacle. Swordsmiths required an apprenticeship of 25 years to master their art. The finest blades were made from Tamahagane, which means precious steel, in a process that was complex and time-consuming.

The iron was extracted from black-iron sand called *Satetsu* and smelted in a large clay mould called a *Tatara*. The smith would repeatedly heat, hammer and chill the sword to remove impurities. Each reheating made the bonding more stable

reheating made the bonding more stable. While hot and pliable, the steel was drawn into an elongated shape in preparation for the folding process (Orikawashi). The finest blades used a composite of three types of steel.

The first layer required five folds (32 layers) to create a soft steel (*Shigane*) with shock-absorbing qualities to form the spine of the blade. The second layer was folded ten times (1,024 layers) to produce a medium steel (*Kawagane*) to form a flexible, protective layer. The third layer was folded 15 times (32,768 layers) to make a hard steel (*Hagane*) for the cutting edge.

The final step was forging (*Kitae*) the three layers together, which was the true measure of the swordmaker's skill. There were a variety of structural combinations, the most famous being *Soshu Kitae*, mastered by the 14th-century Japanese smith Masamune. The key was to consistently position the cutting edge.

To give the sword its legendary cutting ability, a special clay slurry was coated on the surface of the blade, a process called *Tsuchioki*, then it was repeatedly heated and chilled.

A. T. Cowan, Salisbury, Wilts.

#### **QUESTIONS**

Q: How high can a fly fly?

Laurence Debona, Maidstone, Kent.

Q: Why is the Duke of Wellington riding bareback on his statue outside the Bank of England?

G. Thompson, Bexleyheath, London.

Q: In Tetbury, Gloucestershire, there's an old sign saying town inhabitants are exempt from tolls 'for every Rother beast sold at market'. What was a Rother beast?

Sarah Westwood, Birmingham.



#### QUESTION Does swatting a bee cause the rest of the hive to attack you?

HONEY bee society is controlled by pheromones — chemicals released by an individual that affect the behaviour of fellow bees.

Bees sting to defend themselves and their hives if they feel threatened. This releases an alarm pheromone that can encourage other bees to attack, but only if you are near the swarm or hive.

Two main alarm pheromones have been identified in honey bee workers. The one that causes aggression is released by the Koschevnikov gland, near the sting shaft, and consists of more than 40 volatile chemical compounds. The other alarm pheromone is released by the mandibular glands and consists of 2-heptanone, which has repellent effect. Wasps and ants release similar compounds.

Don't panic if you are stung. Move cautiously if you are in the vicinity of a hive. When stung, beekeepers will smoke the area to mask the alarm pheromones.

Sally Rodgers, Martlesham, Suffolk.

#### **QUESTION** Can we feel it when someone is watching us?

THERE is evidence that our brains are wired to detect staring — provided we see it. Evidence for telepathically detecting a gaze, known as the psychic staring effect or scopaesthesia, is unproven.

Edward Titchener, a professor of psychology at Cornell University in New York, famously tested the ability to detect unseen staring.

He published his results in Science in 1898, categorically concluding that people can't telepathically detect when they are being stared at, although many believe they can. A 1913 study by John E. Coover asked ten subjects to state whether or not they could sense a hidden experimenter looking at them. The subjects' answers were correct 50.2 per cent of the time, suggesting it was pure chance.

Parapsychologist Rupert Sheldrake carried out infamous experiments in the 2000s. He reported that a number of people could telepathically detect a gaze and attributed this to a so-called morphogenetic field. His methodology has since been brought into question.

Spotting a starer does have a powerful effect. It's thought there is a neural network in the brain dedicated to the processing of gaze. The ability to precisely detect the target of a starer's gaze may confer an evolutionary advantage by improving threat detection capabilities and non-verbal communication.

Brian Ricks, Cambridge.

#### QUESTION Where were the first shots of World War II fired?

FURTHER to the earlier answer, historians will tell you that at dawn on September 1, 1939, the German battleship Schleswig-Holstein opened fire on the Polish fort at Westerplatte, which guarded Danzig (Gdansk) harbour. But my uncle Sid reckoned he got there first!

German soldiers had been coming across the border in dribs and drabs for a week or two, bent on disruption and starting trouble, he told me many years later at his bungalow near Preston.

Sid — whose Polish name was Zygmunt Morawski — was in a makeshift bar on August 31, 1939, when a couple of 'visitors' started roughing up a Polish lass. Uncle Sid said he 'politely' told them to stop. One of them pulled a gun. Big mistake. Uncle Sid pulled out his gun, which was rather bigger, and got his shot in first. All hell broke out — as did World War II a few hours later.

'I didn't hang around,' he smiled. Off he went through Hungary and Yugoslavia, eventually ending up flying out of Blackpool with the Polish Air Force with his brother Bob. They married two of my dad's sisters and stayed on after the war. Sid was godfather to my son.

He was a great character and I'm proud to have known him.

Harold Heys, Darwen, Lancs.

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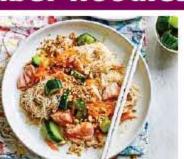
SPEEDY midweek supper. Serves: 2. Ingredients

150g vermicelli rice noodles

1 garlic clove, grated 2 tbsp light soy sauce 1 tbsp caster sugar

4 tbsp rice wine vinegar

2 tbsp sesame oil



½ large cucumber 2 carrots, grated 2 skinless poached salmon fillets, flaked 2 tbsp peanuts,

chopped

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#### Method

1 Put noodles in a bowl and cover with boiling water from kettle. Set aside for four minutes. Drain and rinse under cold running water, then return to bowl.

2 Mix garlic, soy sauce, sugar, vinegar and sesame oil in a separate bowl. Lightly smack cucumber with a rolling pin to split it, then chop into 2cm pieces. Add to bowl with dressing and toss together.

**3** Add dressed cucumber and carrots to noodles. Gently toss through cooked salmon. Divide between two plates, scatter over peanuts and serve.

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## Warm compress soothes dry eyes

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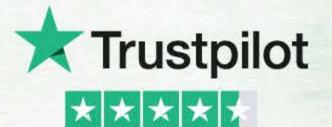


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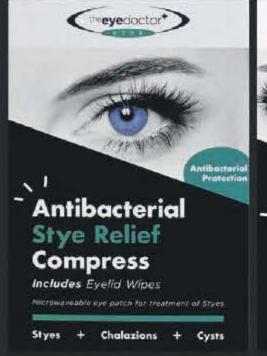


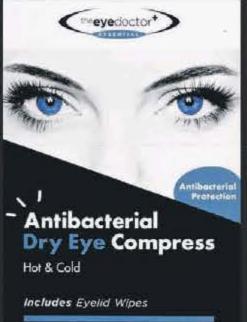
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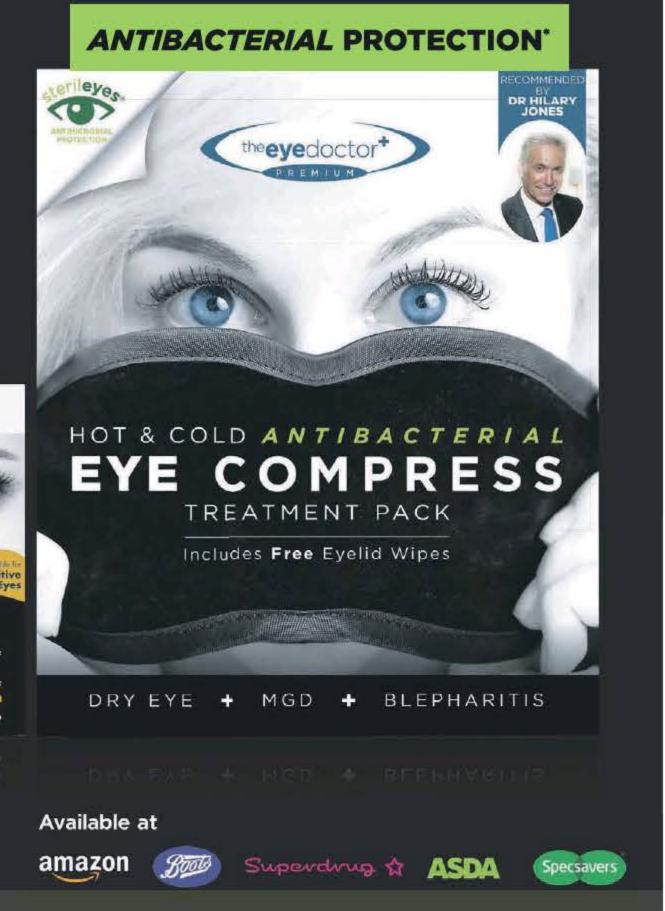
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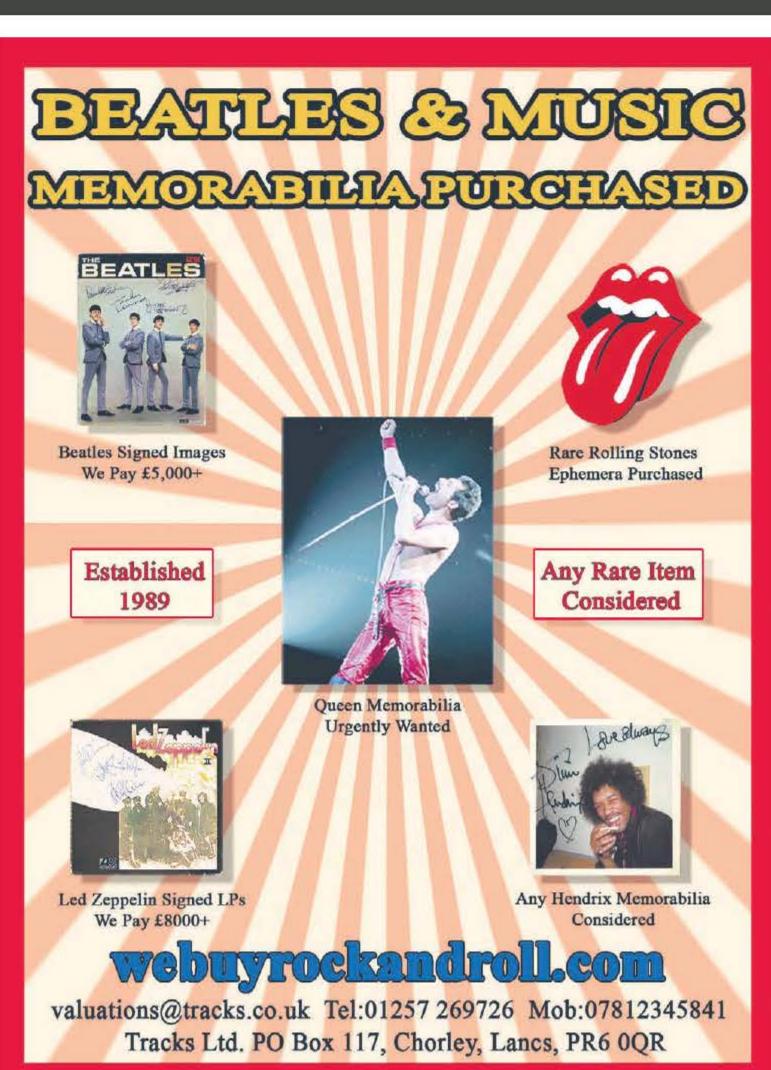


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AMERICA'S central bank has pushed ahead with another huge interest rate hike as it steps up its fight against inflation.

In a move which sent the dollar soaring – and the pound and euro tumbling – the Federal Reserve lifted its base rate 0.75 percentage points to a range of 3pc to 3.25pc.

It was the third rate hike of that size in a row, and piles pressure on the Bank of England as it prepares for its own rise today.

Traders have been torn over whether the Bank will play it safe with a smaller 0.5 percentage point rise, or opt for its own 0.75 percentage point jump.

After the Fed suggested that rates in the US could rise as high as 4.4pc by the end of the year, the Bank of England will be feeling the heat. Rates in the UK have risen from 0.1pc in December to 1.75pc.

As investors flocked to the dollar, the pound hit a 37-year low – just above \$1.12

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# Dollar crushes pound and euro after bumper US interest rate hike

even further below parity with the dollar to just above \$0.98, its lowest since 2002.

Both currencies clawed back some losses later as Fed chair Jerome Powell assured traders that inflation would soon fall.

Usually, hiking interest rates has consequences for the economy as it causes growth to slump and unemployment to rise.

So far, Powell said, the labour market 'has remained extremely tight', with demand for workers increasing substantially above supply. And while the Fed was still looking for 'compelling' evidence of inflation coming down, he said it would eventually 'become appropriate to slow the pace of increases'.

'We will keep at it until we are confident

the job is done,' he added.

Anna Stupnytska, an economist at Fidelity International, said: 'Until we see strong hard data evidence of monetary policy tightening transmitting to the real economy, the Fed will continue on its hiking

path.' The rise came just hours after the Office for National Statistics revealed the perilous state of Britain's finances.

Government borrowing in August hit £11.8bn while the interest bill on the national debt hit a record £8.2bn. Around a quarter of the UK's £2.4trillion debt pile is linked to the RPI measure of inflation, which is hovering around 40-year highs.

Large rate hikes add to the cost of borrowing. The Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) warned that for every 1 percentage point that rates rise beyond its current 2023 forecast of 3.75pc, £10bn will be added to the annual cost of servicing government debt.

Investors expect the Bank to raise rates as high as 4.75pc by next spring. The rising cost of borrowing comes at a time when Prime Minister Liz Truss and her Chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng are set to announce tax cuts, following help with energy bills.

Kwarteng unveils his mini-Budget tomorrow, aiming to boost growth. But the IFS said his strategy was a 'gamble' and achieving the required level of economic performance would be an 'ambitious task'.

## Pressure on Rees-Mogg over £9.5bn tech deal

#### By Calum Muirhead

BUSINESS Secretary Jacob Rees-Mogg is facing a key test as one of Britain's leading technology firms looks set to be snapped up by a French rival.

FTSE 100 software group Aveva could disappear from the London Stock Exchange (LSE) after Schneider Electric struck a deal to buy the 41pc of the company it does not already own for 3100p per share in cash.

The offer values Aveva at nearly £9.5bn and is a 41pc premium to its closing price on August 23, the last trading day before Schneider confirmed it was mulling a bid for the group.

But it is below the 4420p Aveva shares were trading at a year ago, raising fears it is being bought on the cheap.

The swoop is a major test for Rees-Mogg, who was appointed Business Secretary this month.

A leading City fund manager last night spoke out against the deal.

Rory Alexander, a fund manager at M&G Investments, which owns a stake in Aveva, told The Times: 'M&G is underwhelmed with the opportunistic £31 offer from Schneider Electric for the remainder of Aveva, and we're disappointed that the Aveva board has recommended the bid to shareholders.

'Aveva's share price is trading at depressed levels due to the combination of low technology valuations, macroeconomic uncertainties and a complex business model evolution from licence to subscription-based revenues. M&G intends to vote against the bid in the belief that patience will be rewarded well in excess of what Schneider Electric is offering.'

While Schneider already holds a controlling stake in Aveva, the takeover has fuelled concerns the UK's tech sector is being hollowed out by overseas buyers and private equity sharks. Russ Shaw, of Tech London Advocates, an



organisation that promotes London as a global tech hub, said it was 'disappointing' whenever a British tech firm was acquired and called on the Government to work 'much harder' to encourage UK companies to remain on the LSE.

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He said: 'We need to make sure that we continue to build a really strong pipeline of tech unicorns to list on the public market, ideally the LSE.'

Alasdair Young, at investment bank Panmure Gordon, said the UK was 'never going to have an international tech juggernaut' if firms kept being sold, saying: 'Aveva is one of the biggest tech companies on the LSE. It would be a big shame to see it go.'

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Founded in 1967 as the CADCentre, a research institute spun out of the University of Cambridge, Aveva became a private company in 1983 following a management buyout before listing on the London market in 1996.

It provides computer software to help engineers design major industrial projects as well as products that help run factories.

nat neip run factories. Schneider's swoop is the latest in a flurry of bids for London-listed tech firms that will test the mettle of Rees-Mogg amid growing concerns it is too easy for foreign predators to buy key UK firms.

The buyout falls within the scope of the National Security & Investment Act, which gives the Government powers to block takeovers. Rees-Mogg will have discretion on whether to call the deal in for an in-depth review.

A key area of concern is likely to be Schneider's joint venture with Chinese firm Delixi Group. Former Tory leader Sir Iain Duncan Smith said the Government should intervene in takeovers to 'stop Chinese companies from taking over' the UK's high-tech and strategic industries.

#### Schneider Chinese link fears

SCHNEIDER Electric is a French industrial giant providing software and automation systems to improve energy efficiency in buildings and factories.

Founded in 1836, it is one of the biggest companies in Europe with a market cap of nearly £59bn. It employs around 166,000 people.

Originally focused on steelmaking and manufactured weapons in the 19th century, it divested its steel and shipbuilding businesses in the 1980s and 1990s to focus on electricals.

There are concerns about some of its international activities, notably its joint venture with Chinese conglomerate Delixi Electric since 2007.

Schneider took a controlling stake in Aveva in 2017 in a £3bn reverse takeover. In 2013, it bought London-based Invensys, a maker of computer systems for refineries, in a £3.4bn takeover. At the time, Invensys was chaired by Sir Nigel Rudd, who became chairman of defence group Meggitt, which was bought by US rival Parker Hannifin for £6.3bn this year.

Three years later, Schneider took control of British retail brand Tower Electric, which provides fixings and fastenings such as cable clips to construction and electrical firms.

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#### EY rakes in record sales of £40billion

**ACCOUNTING and advisory giant EY** raked in record global sales of £40bn as it lines up a big overhaul.

The revenue figure for the 12 months to the end of June was 13.7pc up on a year earlier.

It was driven by its consulting practice, which was boosted by firms looking for advice on reshaping their operations in response to the pandemic and its aftermath.

EY is one of the big four auditors alongside KPMG, Deloitte and PwC, scrutinising the financial accounts of the world's biggest firms.

It has 365,000 people worldwide, and plans to split the consulting arm from its auditing practice.

The results showed a 24.5pc rise in revenues for EY's consulting division to £12.2bn, a much faster pace of growth than the auditing arm, where sales rose 6pc to £12.7bn. It thinks spinning off the consulting division will unlock even stronger expansion – up to £8.3bn a year.

It could allow it to team up with tech giants such as Amazon and Google, which it cannot do at the moment because the audit arm of EY checks those firms' accounts.

Carmine Di Sibio, chief executive said: 'EY has achieved significant growth and continues to operate from a place of strength.'

## £50m fine for Link over Neil Woodford debacle

THE firm that oversaw Neil By Lucy White Woodford's doomed flagship fund is set to be fined £50m by City regulators.

Link Fund Solutions faces the penalty on top of an order to hand up to £306m of redress to victims.

The fine, by the Financial Conduct

Authority (FCA), is the latest sign that a long-running probe into the collapse of the Woodford investment empire could be nearing a close.

More than 300,000 savers who entrusted the stock-picker with money have been waiting for answers since they were blocked

from accessing it in 2019. The first hint that Link would be penalised came last week.

Dye & Durham, a Canadian firm which was planning to buy Link's parent - Link Group revealed the FCA's demands for a redress scheme had thrown a spanner in the works.

The FCA confirmed it was 'likely' to force Link to pay 'up to £306m' to victims, and yesterday added that a £50m fine would also be forthcoming.

Link has 14 days to respond to the draft warning notice. It could challenge the fine or agree to settle the matter. Link said it would 'explore all options'.

Dzmitry Lipski, head of funds research at Interactive Investor, said: 'The drip, drip, drip of information is a curious way to conduct a major investigation after three years of silence.

'Many questions remain unan-

swered, the issue of redress is far from certain, and wider investigations are still ongoing.' He said investors deserved

better than a potential deal. Hundreds of thousands of sav-

ers were left out of pocket when Link, the firm responsible for supervising Woodford's management of his funds, decided to suspend the £3.7bn Woodford Equity Income fund in 2019 and

#### 'Many questions remain unanswered'

eventually close it, after a flood of investors tried to pull their money out, following a run of poor performance.

Woodford invested in risky early-stage and unlisted stocks, and was unable to sell them fast enough to return the money.

When Link realised the extent of the problem, it decided to close the fund, selling the stocks and returning the money to investors. But several sales were at a knockdown price, and savers have lost around £1bn since the fund was frozen.

Fallen fund star:

**Neil Woodford** 

Link is also facing lawsuits from RGL Management, Leigh Day and Harcus Parker - acting on behalf of savers. While the FCA redress scheme will not cover investors' losses, the lawyers hope to wring more money out of Link through the courts.

The FCA said 'multiple parties' other than Link were still under investigation. It was thought to be examining Woodford, 62, senior staff, Hargreaves Lansdown, the investment platform which recommended the fund right up until its suspension, and Northern Trust, the depository charged with keeping an eye on Link.

Ryan Hughes, head of investment partnerships at AJ Bell, said: 'Investors will be increasingly hopeful that this sorry episode is closer to completion. Investors have waited patiently for the FCA to unearth what went wrong and put in place some form of compensation.

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### Sorrell raises spirits at S4 despite ballooning losses

By John-Paul Ford Rojas

SIR Martin Sorrell cheered investors in his beleaguered digital advertising firm S4 Capital as he said prospects were 'relatively bright' despite war in Europe and surging inflation.

Shares rose 12.5pc, or 17.9p, to 161.4p even as it reported operating losses ballooning more than fourfold to £75.4m for the first half of the year.

The figures showed revenues continuing to grow, up 59.8pc to £446.4m, and that two 'whopper' clients had been signed up.

Sorrell founded \$4 Capital in 2018 after three decades leading adland giant WPP. It now employs more than 9,000 people. It was forced to delay its annual results this year, in a move that was described by the tycoon as 'unacceptable and embarrassing', and warned of lower profits in July as hiring costs surged.

Its woes have left shares 75pc lower for the year to date. But it has now put the brakes



Ad tycoon: Sir Martin Sorrell

on its hiring spree, and signalled a shift in focus away from buying up smaller companies to maximising value from its existing business.

Client wins in the first half included Adobe, Brewdog, Tiktok, Diageo and online firm Booking.com as well as the US account of an unnamed large

consumer goods business. Sorrell sounded an optimistic

note. He acknowledged 'many significant challenges in areas such as climate change, a lengthy war on continental Europe, rising inflation and interest rates, energy shortages, fractious US/China and Western/ Russia relationships and with Iran'.

But he said despite this 'the prospects for digital advertising and transformation remain relatively bright, whilst traditional media languish'.

'There is evidence that demand accelerates during periods of economic uncertainty as we saw with Covid in 2020, when we per-formed strongly,' Sorrell added. He admitted the first-half

profit performance was 'disappointing' as cost growth ran ahead of sales but said S4 was acting to correct it.

The 'whopper' clients – those with annual revenues of more than \$20m (£17.6m) - now total eight, while five more were 'trending' towards that status

as it targets a total of 20.

## Truss aims to ease the pain

IZ Truss and her Chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng are engaged in a fiscal experiment unlike anything seen in a generation.

The combination of generous help for households and businesses to cope with the energy price surge and the likely tax cuts in tomorrow's Growth Plan is a departure from Treasury discipline.

Previous interventions by government in the financial crisis and during Covid-19 were rapidly followed by fiscal tightening.

The orthodoxy is legacy thinking, reaching back to the UK's humiliating bailout by the International Monetary Fund in 1976.

Since then, successive chancellors, Tory and Labour, have obsessed about credible fiscal rules. The Office for Budget Responsibility was George Osborne's effort to inject into fiscal policy the independence enjoyed by the Bank of England.

The public finance data for August show that the Truss government doesn't start in a bad place. In the first five months of 2022-23, borrowing at £58.2bn was 26.9pc below a year earlier.

The badly judged decision to fund 25pc of the national debt with inflation-proof bonds is proving costly, with debt interest payments reaching £49bn so far this year. The

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costs could come down with a bump as energy price subsidies bite. In spite of a slowing economy, income tax and corporation tax receipts remained buoyant.

The energy price package for business is, at £40bn, a big intervention. If it saves enterprises, preserves jobs and ensures the local stays open, it should be pro-growth.

Along with the £100bn-plus subvention for households, it should shore up family budgets and consumer confidence and break the doom loop. As with pandemic measures, the borrowing to meet energy bills should be a one-off for the public finances.

Accusations that the Truss government is some kind of 'Taliban' or 'cabal' because the Government intends to pare back taxes are wildly exaggerated. Spiking the employers' and employees' hike on national insurance should ease the squeeze on incomes.

Cancelling the corporation tax rise is preempting something which hasn't happened. So much the better if it were to be reinforced by 'full expensing,' an immediate 100pc allowance for all plant, machinery and tech investment.

Stamp duty breaks should ensure housing, a key element of the consumer economy, is not crushed by high interest rates.

These policies are light years away from the swingeing reductions in tax bands (that would be nice too) at the heart of Reaganomics. Accepting that deep recession and unemployment are inevitable should not be an option.

The Truss alternative deserves an outing.

#### **Electric shock**

BRITAIN'S dream of being a high-tech, high-value economy with an advanced engineering and software sector to match is in danger of suffering another blow.

Schneider Electric's bid for Cambridge pioneer Aveva, valued at £13.5bn, will greatly weaken a vital stock market sector.

It is no accident that Schneider is seeking full control of Aveva's proprietary software for the energy infrastructure and manufacturing sector.

It stands on the eve of an investment

boom in the power industries, driven by the war on Ukraine and higher prices.

The deal is a critical test for Business Secretary Jacob Rees-Mogg. As glad as he may be about the UK attracting inward investment, albeit from France, he needs to consider its deleterious impact.

Schneider has substantial investments in China including a joint venture. So any deal risks proprietary technology escaping.

One of SoftBank's actions after it bought Arm Holdings was promptly to sell down its interest in a Chinese joint venture.

Aveva, similarly to Arm, operates an open access model under which anyone can buy or license its software. Under full control of Schneider there can be no assurances that will still be the case. That ought to be a prima facie case for competition inquiries in London, Brussels and across the Atlantic.

#### Italian job

WHEN French-Israeli billionaire Patrick Drahi grabbed 18pc of BT, the Government lost no time in launching a security review.

Now another French billionaire, Xavier Niel, has bought a 2.5pc holding in £30bn Vodafone, which is also important to the UK's national interest. His possible goal is to force the sale of Voda's Italian offshoot.

Vodafone chief executive Nick Read should tell Niel to take a hike.

£6M GOLDEN GOODBYE FOR **OUSTED JD SPORTS BOSS** 



King of trainers: Peter Cowgill with the then Prince of Wales in May

JD SPORTS faced a backlash over an 'extraordinarily generous' £6.4m deal for former boss Peter Cowgill.

The sportswear retailer will pay him £2m over the next three years to advise chief executive Regis Schultz and chairman Andy Higginson.

He will get a further £3.5m to not work for a rival for two years. And the 69-year-old will be paid a £906,000 salary for his year-long notice period, taking the total to £6.4m.

The agreement comes four months after Cowgill was ousted after 18 years in charge. In that time, he was

paid more than £40m. He left after a series of corporate governance scandals, including a £4.3m fine from the competition watchdog.

Independent analyst Richard Hyman said: 'In the circumstances it seems extraordinarily generous.' High Pay Centre director Luke Hildyard said: 'The board, who have worked closely with Cowgill, can hardly be considered independent on the matter'.

Higginson said Cowgill was key to JD's 'incredible success' and said he did not want to lose such 'hugely valuable' experience.

# French tycoon snaps up stake

By Mark Shapland

A FRENCH billionaire has snapped up a 2.5pc stake in Vodafone, worth £750m.

Xavier Niel is the second French tycoon to swoop on a British telecoms company after Patrick Drahi built an 18pc stake in BT.

Niel, 55, is renowned for his ruthless activism in France and his foray onto Vodafone's share register paves the way for a shake-up at the underperforming telecoms giant.

The Frenchman is best known for owning Iliad, a smaller European competitor. But he built up his Vodafone stake through his investment vehicle Atlas.

Niel said he was supportive of Vodafone's strategy and its 'publicly stated intention to pursue consolidation opportunities in selected geographies, as well as its efforts in infrastructure separation'.

But analysts warned his strategy was not yet known and it remains to be seen if the billionaire will add to his stake



Renowned: Xavier Niel with partner Delphine Arnault

and ask for representation on the board.

Under chief executive Nick Read, Vodafone has struggled to grow and failed to complete meaningful merger and acquisitions transactions.

As a result, it has become a target for activist investors with Swedish hedge fund Cevian, run by Christer Gardell, taking a stake in January and Coast Capital building a position in February.

Cevian has called for Read to

shed poorly performing parts of the business.

Niel becomes the third activist investor this year, and Read's position now looks increasingly vulnerable.

Two years ago Niel helped oust the boss of a French property firm, change the group's strategy and join the board.

One City analyst said: 'He's a disrupter. He'll try and shake things up. To be honest, it is much needed at Vodafone.'

Niel made a fortune from pornography and peep shows, and is worth an estimated £7bn. He is renowned in French social circles and his partner is Delphine Arnault, daughter of France's richest man, Bernard Arnault, and heiress to luxury conglomerate LVMH.

The UK's telecoms sector has become a magnet for French billionaires with Drahi building an 18pc stake in BT last year, causing alarm bells to ring in Westminster amid fears that key infrastructure could fall into foreign hands.

Shares in Vodafone rose 2.3pc, or 2.4p, to 108.78p.

By John Abiona

GERMANY's largest natural gas importer has fallen into the government's hands in a bailout totalling £25bn.

In a bid to protect energy supplies, the government in Berlin has taken control of Uniper after its finances were crippled by Vladimir Putin's war in Ukraine and Russia's decision to cut off natural gas flows to Europe. Ger-

## Germany nationalises Uniper gas giant in £25 billion bailout

many agreed to buy the remaining stake owned by Finland's Fortum in the German gas importer to secure its operations and keep its business going.

It is the latest move to keep the lights on and heaters running in

Germany this winter. European gas and power prices have rocketed this year as Russia cut fuel exports to retaliate for Western sanctions over its invasion of Ukraine, leaving consumers struggling with sky-high energy

bills and European utilities grappling with a liquidity crunch.

After buying Fortum's stake, the German state will hold about 99pc of Uniper, which owns the Ratcliffe-on-Soar coal-fired power station in Nottingham-

shire. The agreement involves a capital injection of another £7bn, taking the total government bailout to £25bn.

'The state will do everything possible to always keep the companies stable on the market,' German economy minister Robert Habeck said, announcing the Uniper move and other steps to help his country avoid energy rationing this winter.

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**FTSE 250** 18714.67

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## BAE Systems fired up by Ukraine war escalation

DEFENCE giant BAE Systems was one of the biggest risers as Vladimir Putin's latest escalation of military tensions in Ukraine sparked predictions of

more military spending.
The FTSE 100 firm jumped 4.3pc, or 33.2p, to 805p after Russia announced plans to mobilise army reservists to support the invasion following a rapid advance of Ukrainian forces that has left the Kremlin on the back foot.

Around 300,000 soldiers are expected to be called up initially, a fraction of what is thought to be a total of 2m. Putin also plans referendums to annex Ukrainian territories, which, alongside a veiled threat to use nuclear weapons, rattled global investors.

'There are growing expectations that there will be heightened demand for military hardware to counter Russia's aggression, with Nato member countries having already pledged significant increases in spending on defence,' said Hargreaves Lansdown analyst Susannah Streeter. Even so,

MARKET REPORT Calum Muirhead

London's blue-chip index managed to eke out a gain and was up 0.63pc, or 44.98 points, to 7237.64 while the FTSE 250 added 1.01pc, or 186.53 points, to 18,714.67.

The Footsie was supported by the oil giants, which rose on talk the price of Brent crude could rocket over fears the energy crisis will escalate.

Shell added 1.4pc, or 32.5p, to 2335p while BP climbed 0.7pc, or 3.05p, to 455.5p and North Seafocused Harbour Energy rose 2.4pc, or 11.1p, to 482p.

But Moscow's rhetoric weighed on travel stocks. British Airways owner IAG dropped 3.3pc, or 3.54p, to 104.8p, Easyjet fell 3.3pc, or 11.7p, to 340.9p, Wizz Air

CLOSING DAILY

PRICE CHANGE REASON

138.65p +7.19% Sale completed

287.6p +6.76% Broker positive

321p +6.47% Bargain hunting

891.6p +5.69% Analyst target raised

**TOP RISERS** 

Hargreaves Lansdown

Wood Group

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Volution

slipped 4.1pc, or 83.5p, to 1962.5p, **Tui** lost 3.4pc, or 4.65p, to 134.2p and Jet2 sank by 3.2pc, or 27.6p, to 843.4p.

Meanwhile, blue-chip firms that earn a large part of their money in overseas currency were boosted by a weakening pound, which dropped to its lowest level against the US dollar since 1985.

Miners benefited, with Glencore climbing 1.1pc, or 5.1p, to 486p, Fresnillo rising 0.9pc, or 6.6p, to 747.4p, Anglo American adding 1.3pc, or 36.5p, to 2814.5p and Rio **Tinto** up 0.5pc, or 24p, to 4720p.

Housebuilders were also up after reports the Chancellor will cut stamp duty in Friday's 'mini budget' to boost growth. Shares in Persimmon surged 4.7pc, or 63p, to 1400p while Barratt climbed 3.5pc, or 14.1p, to 418.9p, Taylor Wimpey added 3.8pc, or 3.9p, to 106.95p and Berkeley edged up 1.4pc, or 48p, to 3555p.

There was more good news for pharma giant AstraZeneca after EU regulators backed one of its asthma drugs. It rose 0.1pc, or 14p, to 10,090p. Computer game

Aston Martin

Carnival

Puretech

**Games Workshop** 

maker Frontier Developments surged 7.7pc, or 92p, to 1284p after it reported revenues of £114m for the year to May 31, up 26pc on 2021, thanks to strong performances from its new releases including dinosaur theme park simulator Jurassic World Evolution 2. Profits were down at £1.5m from £19.9m due to a one-off charge.

Meanwhile, Keywords Studios, which provides support services to the gaming industry, snapped up Vancouver studio Smoking Gun Interactive in a £26m deal as it reported a pre-tax profit of £34m for the first half, up 78pc year-on-year amid high demand. It fell 1.6pc, or 38p, to 2312p.

Games Workshop, the maker of Warhammer battle figures, fell 9.4pc, or 660p, to 6400p after reporting, for the three months to August 28, pre-tax profit of £39m, down from £45m a year ago. Sales rose to £106m from £98m.

And property investor LXI rose 1.9pc, or 2.6p, to 141p. It is in talks to buy 18 stores from Sainsbury's (up 0.3pc or 0.6p, to 194.8p) in a deal worth up to £500m.

PRICE CHANGE REASON

6400p

765.8p 220.5p

165.1p -10.10% Profit taking

-9.35% Lower earnings

-5.77% Growth concerns

-6.84% Travel sector worries

-5.18% Consumer spending fears

TOP FALLERS CLOSING DAILY



■SOFTWARE firm WANdisco surged to its highest level in over a year after landing its largest-ever contract.

The group, which provides services to help firms move and analyse data, has signed a £22m deal with a top ten global communications firm - the fourth between the two -and takes the cumulative total value to nearly £35m.

As a result, it expects bookings for 2022 to be at a record level and 'significantly ahead' of expectations. It jumped 20.8pc, or 83.75p, up to 487p.

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341290 SIXCOR 7 (P) (D3) (GS) Miss L Perratt 4-9-9.

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2021: Muatadel 8 8 2 (Zak Wheatley) 9-2 J Wainwright drawn (3) 7 ran.

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AL KHAWANEEJ SPIRT 27 Alice Haynes 9-7

236118 CANARIA PRINCE 23 (B) (D3BF) (GS) T Easterby 4-9-7....S B Kirrane

(4) 573248 SHARRABANG 28 (D) (GS) Mrs Stella Barday 6-8-8 .... F McManoman

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Probable SP: Evens Kitai, 3 Golden Passport, 13-2 Banquo, 12 Al Khawaneej

→ SIMON SCROPE DALBY SCREW-DRIVER HANDICAP (3) £15,000

303175 HIGHWAYGREY 18 (C&D4D3) (G) T Easterby 6-9-2..... S B Kirrane (3)

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RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (5) (2-Y-0) £6,900 1m 6yds (9)

Probable SP: 11-10 Eagle's Way, 4 Croachill, 6 Outside World, 7 Satono

2021: Living Legend 5 9 12 (Joe Fanning) 7-2 C & M Johnston drawn (1) 4 ran.

Probable SP: 13-8 Wan'em, 3 Lerwick, 7-2 Edge Of Darkness, 8 Dragonball

2021: Approachability 2 9 5 (Joe Fanning) 10-1 C & M Johnston drawn (8) 12 ran.

TRACK FACTS: L-H course. GOING: Good-good to firm in places.

STALLS: Inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low. Top Jockey: Graham

Lee. Top trainer: C & M Johnston. Placed in the race last year: 4.03

Rayong (2nd); 5.10 Bossipop (2nd); Cottam Lane (3rd). Headgear

first time: 3.28 Happy Dancer, Oskar, 5.10 Cottam Lane. Longest travellers: Sixcor (1.43) & Pockley (5.10) 218 miles. Drop in Class:

3.28 Edge Of Darkness is down 3 grades on last run (Class 2 to Class

5); 4.38 Honeymooner (2); Enola Grey (2); 5.10 lbiza Rocks (2);

Churchill Bay (2). First run since wind surgery: None today.

2021: Eldrickjones 2 9 2 (Mark Crehan) 2-13 Fav R Fell drawn (2) 4 ran.

### ROBIN GOODFELLOW **GIMCRACK** 1.15 A Dublin Lad 1.15 Garden Route One Nation 1.50 1.50 FARHH TO SHY (nap) 2.25 **Azure Blue** 2.25 3.00 Nostrum 3.00 Holloway Boy (nb) 3.35 **Nate The Great** 3.35 **Island Brave Global Heat** 4.10 4.10 Amtiyaz 4.45 Yantami 4.45 Yantarni 5.20 Postwick 5.20 Postwick NEWMARKET - 1.50 Bold Act (nb); 4.45 YANTARNI (nap). NORTHERNER - 2.25 AZURE BLUE (nap).

-WEATHERBYS STALLION BOOK HANDICAP (2) £25,000 added • U (£13,500) 1m 4f (7) 123/52L DHAHABI 14 (G) C Appleby 4-10-3. 353L32 GLOBAL HEAT 68 (BT) (D) S bin Suroor 6-10-2. . D Tudhope 1613-05 AMTIYAZ 19 (D) (G) J & T Gosden 5-9-11. 21492L- BRUNNERA 329 (H) (G) H Palmer 4-9-11.. 32-4110 SOUL STOPPER 33 (D) A Balding 3-9-2.... ...H Doyle R L Moore David Egan 431224 MAYTREE RESPITE 25 W Muir & C Grassick 3-8-10. ...R Havlin 0216 OPEN CHAMPION 19 (D) R Varian 3-8-9... ... A Atzeni Probable SP: 11-4 Open Champion, 7-2 Dhahabi, 4 Global Heat, 5 Soul Stopper, 8 Amtiyaz, 10 Brunnera, Maytree Respite. AGES: --- 3 3 7 4 3 3 FAVOURITES: ----1 1 2 1 1 1 (W 9-2). 2021: Boltaway 3 8 13 (James Doyle) 2-1 Fav H & R Charlton drawn (6) 6 ran.

45 -LIFETIME IN RACING AWARDS HANDICAP (4) £15,000 added (£7,776) 1m (10) (9) 2119-43 SUNRISE VALLEY 107 (CD) Sir M Stoute 4-9-12. . R L Moore L9Sola HUMANITARIAN 47 (HT) (D) (G) S C Williams 6-9-12...... .. D Muscutt 232-1 YANTARNI 27 (D) (S) C Appleby 3-9-10... .. W Buick 12411L SLY MADAM 8 (P) (D2) (GS) Miss S West 4-9-9. 353113 ASHKY 40 (D2BF) (G) H & R Charlton 3-9-7 ...... NON RUNNER .J Crowley 393120 UZINCSO 19 (D7) (G) J Butler 6-9-7 ...N Callan 3-21307 ZAMEKA 113 (H) R Varian 3-9-4. David Egan 98-5110 TIPPERARY MOON 49 (P) (GS) I Furtado 5-9-2 R Dawson 5L37 CHANGE OF FORTUNE 24 H Candy 3-9-1. .. D O'Neill 3 2021: Carolus Magnus 3 9 8 (Oisin Murphy) 15-8 Fav A Balding drawn (4) 8 ran.

-NEWMARKET CHALLENGE WHIP HANDICAP 173498 REPERTOIRE 41 (G) D M Simcock 6-9-9. J P Spencer 14L113 CAPTAIN KANE 19 (D) (G) G Scott 3-9-6. ... D Muscutt P-L Jamin (3) 5-54291 POSTWICK 40 (D) (G) Harry Eustace 3-9-2 242324 RECHERCHER 10 (B) (BF2) R Beckett 3-8-5. .J F Egan 0354 SUPER CHIEF 27 J & T Gosden 3-8-4. ... H Doyle Probable SP: 2 Postwick, 3 Captain Kane, 10-3 Super Chief, 4 Rechercher. FAVOURITES: 1 2 3 0 2 1 3 3 1 0 (W 8-13). AGES: 4336444333

TRACK FACTS: PRINCIPAL MEETING. R-H course. GOING: Good-good to firm in places. STALLS: Far side course: centre. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None. Top Jockey: William Buick. Top trainer: C Appleby. Headgear first time: 1.15 Sovereign Spirit, 2.25 Bellosa, 4.10 Global Heat, 4.45 Zameka, 5.20 Rechercher. Longest traveller: Crazy Luck (2.25) 219 miles. Drop in Class: 1.15 Expressionless is down 2 grades on last run (Class 2 to Class 4); 3.35 Nate The Great (2); 4.45 Uzincso (2); 5.20 Repertoire (2). First run since wind surgery: None today.

2021: Rhebus Road 3 8 1 (Jane Elliott) 8-1 R Beckett drawn (5) 7 ran.

# **ROBIN GOODFELLOW**

1.43 High Security 2.18 Kitai 2.53 Eagle's Way 3.28 Lerwick 4.03 Runninwild 4.38 **Enola Grey** 5.10 It Just Takes Time

NORTHERNER - 2.18 Kitai (nb).

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...J Hart

.C Beasley

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..P J McDonald

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...P Dennis

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. A Mullen

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GIMCRACK Canaria Prince Golden Passport 2.18 Croachill 2.53 3.28 Lerwick 4.03 Runninwild Swift Lioness 5.10 Ibiza Rocks

-BABY DYLAN'S FIRST DAY AT THE RACES HANDICAP (3) 03 E12,000 added (£6,480) 5f 3yds (9)

08L878 JAWWAAL 27 (D4) (G) M Dods 7-9-6 ......Paig 261L85 VENTURA EXPRESS 20 (C&D2D) (G) P Midgley 5-9-4 .... Paige Hopper (7) .. G Lee 231021 RUNNINWILD 27 (D) Mrs A Duffield 4-9-3. ..P Hanagan 703399 RAYONG 28 (C&D2D) (GS) K R Burke 5-9-2. .. S James 930189 GINGER JAM 7 (P) (D8) (GS) N Tinkler 7-8-13.....Sophie Clements (7) 204096 SHOWALONG 54 (P) (D2) (S) T Easterby 4-8-10... JP Sullivan ...P Mathers 10 Ready Freddie Go, 12 Showalong, Mytilda, 20 Jawwaal FAVOURITES: 1 0 3 0 1 1 0 2 0 0 (W 9-3). AGES: 5954347487 2021: Saluti 7 9 7 (Paul Mulrennan) 15-2 P Midgley drawn (6) 8 ran.

38 -IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF FILLIES' NURSERY (4) (2-Y-0) £11,000 added (£5,616) 1m 6yds (4) L225 HONEYMOONER 21 W Muir & C Grassick 9-9. P J McDonald 143 SWIFT LIONESS 20 C & M Johnston 9-9... 33334 ENOLA GREY 16 J Portman 9-5. K Stott 555 ZAAKARA 15 Sir M Stoute 8-10... Probable SP: 6-4 Swift Lioness, 2 Enola Grey, 9-2 Zaakara, 5 Honeymooner. FAVOURITES: 1 1 3 1 3 0 3 1 1 0 (W 9-0).

2021: My Silent Song 2 9 1 (Paul Mulrennan) 14-1 E Dunlop drawn (6) 6 ran. -10 -CAYGILL FAMILY HANDICAP (4) £11,000 added (£5,616)

184415 HAYMAKER 27 (DBF) (G) H Morrison 3-9-12. 2L20-5L IBIZA ROCKS 132 (BF) E Bethell 4-9-11. .P J McDonald L-65471 SPEEDACUS 75 (P) (G) D O'Meara 3-9-9. .Mark Winn (7) 911211 IT JUST TAKES TIME (5lbex) 9 (D3) (GS) M Walford 4-9-8 .. J Garritty 514211 CORINTHIA KNIGHT 50 (P) (C&D5CD4) (GS) A Watson 7-9-7. L Morris 4L8-248 CHURCHILL BAY 11 (T) C Cox 4-9-3. 111923 EY UP ITS THE BOSS 41 (P) (G) T Coyle 3-9-0. . B McHugh 056258 COTTAM LANE 14 (T) (C&D) (G) N Tinkler 4-9-0 .....F McManoman (3) 038585 GOLDEN APOLLO 19 (PT) (C&DD4BF) (GS) T Easterby 8-8-11......JP Sullivan 10 50L657 POCKLEY 14 (DBF) Miss L Perratt 4-8-8. .. A Mullen 048300 DARK SHOT 15 (B) (D2) (GS) S Dixon 9-8-8. K Schofield (5) LL3L80 BOSSIPOP 14 (B) (C&DCD7) (S) T Easterby 9-8-7... ...D Fentiman Probable SP: 3 Corinthia Knight, 7-2 It Just Takes Time, 11-2 Speedacus,

laymaker, 10 Ibiza Rocks, Ey Up Its The Boss, 12 Pockley, 16 Churchill Bay. FAVOURITES: - 1 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 2 (W 9-4). AGES: -476545634 2021: Oso Rapido 4 9 5 (Jason Hart) 3-1 R Fell drawn (2) 8 ran.

HOTSPOTS

**WORK WHISPER** FINERY (Chelmsford City, 7.15) **WEIGHTING GAME** DAZZLING DAN (Pontefract, 1.43) Down 23lb from last winning mark. BURNT FINGERS EBTIHAAJ

CAPTAIN HEATH TRIO

TARHIB (nap) (Newmarket, 2.25) STATUARIO (nb) (Perth, 2.10) BRANDY MCQUEEN (Perth, 2.45)

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4.40 - REVENITE (R Dawson) 4-9F 1; Big R 7-1(Jt2ndFav) 2 Clipsham La Habana 7-1(Jt2ndFav) 3. 11 ran. (R Varian). 234, 1/2. Tote: 1.45; 1.10, 1.90, 2.00. Ex: 4.90. Tf:

FAVOURITES: ----01110

18.80. CSF: 4.15. 5.15 — SKALLYWAG BAY (P Dobbs) 8-1 1; El Oro 7-4F 2; The Thames Boatman 4-1 3. 10 ran. (R Hannon). 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, hd. **Tote:** 9.00; 2.20, 1.10, 1.50. Ex: 27.60. Tf: 101.40. CSF: 21.82. NR: Fierce. 5.45 - LORD UHTRED (David Egan) 9-4(2ndFav) 1; Zu Run 2-1F 2; Banddar 7-2 3. 11 ran. (C Hills). 1<sup>3</sup>4, 2l. Tote: 3.25; 1.30, 1.30, 1.70.

Ex: 7.40. Tf: 23.10. CSF: 7.25. NRs: Cherryhawk, Ghibelline. 6.15 — LAUREL (B Sayette)
1-2F 1; Pure Dignity 2-1(2ndFav)
2; One Morning 12-1 3. 9 ran. (J
& T Gosden). 2l, 1½. Tote: 1.50; 1.10, 1.10, 1.90. Ex: 2.00. Tf: 5.30.

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CSF: 1.87. NR: Follow That Star. 6.45 — FLAME OF FREEDOM (C Bishop) 16-5F 1; Golden Spice 11-2 2; Dancing To Win 16-1 3. 11 ran. (E J-Houghton). nk, nk. Tote: 4.20; 1.50, 2.10, 3.70. Ex: 23.00. Tc: 251.70. Tf: 364.70. CSF: 21.13.

- NATCHEZ TRACE (H Shaw) 12-1 1; Silverscape 9-2(2ndFav) 2; Miramichi 11-2 3. 13 ran. (D Carroll). 1/2, shd. Tote: 13.00; 1.80, 3.30, 1.90. Ex: 75.80. Tc: 341.87. Tf: 801.70. CSF: 65.59.

7.45 — LARGO BAY (G Rooke) 10-1 1; Albion Princess 9-4F 2; Franco Grasso 16-1 3. 14 ran. M Madgwick). nk, shd. Tote: 11.00; 2.70, 1.60, 4.80, Ex: 44.90, Tc: 378.94. Tf: 650.80. CSF: 31.88. BRAZEN IDOL 8.15

(P Cosgrave) 5-6F 1; Dazzerling

10-1 2; Magicinthemaking 16-1 3.

11 ran. (S Pearce). 21/4, 21/4. Tote: 1.84; 1.10, 3.00, 4.30. Ex: 10.60. Tc: 87.75. Tf: 91.40. CSF: 10.21.

(Southwell, 6.00)

NR: Manettino. Placepot £14.90. Q'pot £7.00.

SOUTHWELL 6.00 - BROXI (N Currie) 5-1 1; Afta Party 14-1 2; Bold Territories 4-1(2ndFav) 3. 11 ran. (D Ivory). 3/4, 33/4. Tote: 6.00; 4.60, 1.40, 1.60. Ex: 78.20. Tc: 259.58. Tf: 347.70. CSF: 67.71. NRs: Catch My Breath, Coligone Kate.

6.30 - SHE'S CENTIMENTAL (K O'Neill) 6-5F 1; Gumais 4-1 2; One Of Our Own 16-5(2ndFav) 3. 13 ran. (Alice Haynes). 11/2, 13/4. Tote: 2.20; 1.10, 1.60, 1.50. Ex: 7.10. Tf: 15.20. CSF: 6.02. 7.00 — JUST JANET (D Nolan) 7-1 1; Miss Gallagher 11-4F 2; Corinthian Kid 12-1 3. 9 ran. (D O'Meara). nk, shd. Tote: 8.00; 2.10, 1.40, 3.20. Ex: 35.10. Tc: 230.19. Tf: 234.30. CSF: 26.46. NR:

7.30 — TELL'EM NOWT (L Morris) 40-1 1; Starter For Ten 13-2 2; Soi Dao 7-1 3. 11 ran. (P McEntee). nk, 11/4. **Tote**: 46.00; 7.00, 2.20, 2.40. Ex: 220.40. Tc: 2104.80. Tf:

2435.10. CSF: 276.13. 8.00 — RIVERSWAY (B McHugh) 5-1 1; Sampers Seven 4-1(2ndFav) 2; Four Adaay 13-2 3. 9 ran. (J Camacho). 1l, 2l. Tote: 6.00; 2.00, 1.70, 2.30. Ex: 30.60. Tc: 132.31. Tf: 176.00. CSF: 24.87. NR:

Kape Moss 8.30 — GLEN COVE (C Shepherd) 5-1 1; Smokey Malone 6-1 2; Graph 12-1 3. 8 ran. (D M Simcock). 11/2, 31/4. Tote: 6.00; 1.40, 1.80, 3.30. Ex: 33.70. Tc: 343.77. Tf: 257.20. CSF: 35.70

Placepot £250.90. Q'pot £81.60.

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35 -NOVICES' HURDLE (4) £7,000 added (£3,812) 2m 47yds (9) 23-L CEOLWULF 68 Chris McSharry 6-11-0.

1F1 COUNTRY QUEEN 20 G Elliott (IRE) 5-11-0...... S Bowen 43-L HAVING A BARNEY 24 M Walford 5-11-0 ...... \$62- JET LEGS 171 M Todhunter 5-11-0. C Bewley 65L MAGIC MIKE 8 (H) Paul Robson 5-11-0 .... .... D McMenamin ...J Bowen 3-L MASRUR 51 (HT) S Crawford (IRE) 7-11-0... 7L-L MRINDEPENDANT 135 (T) M Barnes 5-11-0.... S Mulqueen 236-# OUR MARTY 180 L Russell 4-10-12. .DR Fox 9 2-2# THE KNIPHAND 130 N Twiston-Davies 4-10-12

S Twiston-Davies Probable SP: 7-4 Country Queen, 5-2 The Kniphand, 3 Jet Legs, 8 Our Marty, 16 Ceolwulf, 20 Masrur. -NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (3) 2.10 -NOVICES LIMITED 113.114.14 (4)

327- GOWEL ROAD 190 N Twiston-Davies 6-11-10 S Twiston-Davies 143- HAUTE ESTIME 167 L Russell 5-10-12. ...DR Fox 112 HERMANN CLERMONT 17 (T) (C2BF) G Elliott (IRE) 5-10-9 S Bowen 231 STATUARIO 40 (C&D) P Bowen 7-10-6. Probable SP: 15-8 Gowel Road, 9-4 Haute Estime,

10-3 Statuario, 4 Hermann Clermont. 45 -HANDICAP HURDLE (5) £7,001 added (£3,432) 2m 7f 207yds (8) 1 122 YOU NAME HIM 16 (PT) (D2BF2) R Menzies 6-12-2

**B** Hughes 6-11 BRANDY MCQUEEN 116 (C&D) (GS) H Graham & G Rutherford 5-11-13 Craig Nichol 222 BRIDGE ROAD 30 (BF2) J Candlish 6-11-7....Sean Quinlan 341 GO BOB GO 17 (P) (C) (S) R M Smith 5-11-5 ..... T Dowson 7-14 FINE BY ME 9 (BF) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0

53P LOCKDOWN LEADER 17 (B) Ewan Whillans 6-10-3 E Austin (5) 525 EMIRAT DE CATANA 57 (C&DD) (S) L Russell 8-10-2 A Doyle (7)

463 NEW ZEALANDER 16 L Kerr 5-10-2 T Willmott (3) Probable SP: 2 Brandy Mcqueen, 7-2 You Name Him,

2F6 THE GREEK 24 (BT) G Elliott (IRE) 6-12-2. 71U- WYE AYE 340 (H) (C) (S) P Kirby 7-12-0... F23- CORRIGEEN ROCK 181 L Russell 5-11-11. 531 BIG DIFFERENCE 57 (C&D) T Reed 9-11-1. U34 MALANGEN 1 Miss L Harrison 7-10-11 ... .. T Dowson Probable SP: 9-4 Corrigeen Rock, 3 Big Difference, 10-3 Sword Of Fate, 11-2 Wye Aye, 8 The Greek,

TRACK FACTS: R-H course. GOING: Good-good to soft in places. Top Jockey: Brian Hughes. Top trainer: G Elliott. Placed in the race last year: 2.45 Emirat De Catana (2nd). Headgear first time: 1.35 Magic Mike, Masrur, 2.45 Lockdown Leader, 3.55

S Twiston-Davies 5 Fine By Me, 13-2 Go Bob Go, Bridge Road. 20 - HANDICAP CHASE (4) £10,000 added (£4,684) 2m 4f 20yds (6) S Bowen . R Chapman .DR Fox ... H Reed 323 SWORD OF FATE 1 (C&DC) (GS) L Kerr 9-11-1...B Hughes

Jackhammer, Long Stay.

**ROBIN GOODFELLOW** 

4.30 Ladronne

**GIMCRACK** 1.35 Country Queen 2.10 Gowel Road 1.35 Country Queen 2.10 Statuario 2.45 Brandy McQueen 3.20 Sword Of Fate (nb) 3.55 Platinumcard

2.45 You Name Him 3.20 Wye Aye 3.55 Long Stay 4.30 Rapid Raider 5.02 Fuji Rocks

D Jacob

5.02 Fuji Rocks 55 -HANDICAP HURDLE (4) £9,000 added (£4,520) 2m 47yds (10) FF3/ NAYATI 1013 (C&DD3) (S) D McCain 8-12-2.....T Gillard (3) 121/ LONG STAY 668 (T) (D) (S) F O'Brien 7-12-0.....P Brennan 2-82 PLATINUMCARD 17 (T) (DBF) (S) G Elliott (IRE) 7-11-11

4 8P31 CURIOUS TIMES 1 (PT) (7lbex) S Crawford (IRE) 9-12-4 J Bowen 5 129 WELL PLANTED F48 (C&D) (S) R M Smith 5-11-9 **B** Hughes 6 7-42 HOLMES ST GEORGES 84 S Crawford (IRE) 5-11-2

7 779- WOR VERGE 181 (PT) (C&DD3) (S) S Corbett 9-11-2 N Moscrop ...DR Fox D McMenami

A Anderson (5) 0L2 PATEEN 16 (V) J Bedi 10-10-3. Probable SP: 11-4 Platinumcard, 4 Jackhammer, Holmes St Georges, Long Stay, 13-2 Curious Times,

-30 -HANDICAP CHASE (4) £10,000 added (£4,684) 2m 7f 180yds (4) 15-2 LADRONNE 126 (T) (S) T Collier 8-12-0... Sean Quinlan 938- RETURN FIRE 181 (T) L Russell 6-11-6. ...DR Fox 24-1 RAPID RAIDER 141 (D) (S) L Russell 8-11-2 .... S Mulqueen 6-22 EASY BUCKS 18 (D) (S) P Bowen 7-11-1 .... Probable SP: 6-4 Rapid Raider, 7-4 Easy Bucks, 4 Ladronne, 15-2 Return Fire.

02 (£2,722) 2m 47yds (9) -OPEN NH FLAT RACE (5) £5,000 added 175- BRAY DALE 164 Catch Bissett 5-11-2. 56 DAPPER GENT 80 M Barnes 5-11-2.

.. A Anderson (5) P Brennan FUJI ROCKS F O'Brien 5-11-2 SHIR I DONT KNOW I Jardine 5-11-2. C O'Farrell BIX BEIDERBECKE L Russell 4-11-0. S Mulqueen 3- JEM IN EM 187 L Russell 4-11-0 .......... Conner McCann (10) 2-4 TOMMY'S FORTUNE 126 T Collier 4-11-0 ..... Sean Quinlan 29 WISTERIA BLOOM 34 G Elliott (IRE) 4-11-0 ...... S Bowen SOLWAY STAREE Miss L Harrison 4-10-7..... .. T Dowson Probable SP: 7-4 Fuji Rocks, 9-2 Bix Beiderbecke, 6 Wisteria Bloom, 15-2 Bray Dale, 8 Jem In Em.

Longest travellers: Country Queen (1.35), Masrur (1.35), Hermann Clermont (2.10), The Greek (3.20), Holmes St Georges (3.55), Curious Times (3.55), Platinumcard (3.55), Wisteria Bloom (5.02) Ireland; Statuario (2.10) & Easy Bucks (4.30) 447 miles. Drop In Class: 1.35 Our Marty is down 2 grades on last run (Class 2 to Class 4); 2.10 Gowel Road (3); Haute Estime (5); 3.55 Nayati (2); Wor Verge (2); Cuban Cigar (2); 4.30 Return Fire (2). First run since wind surgery: None today.

# SOUTHWELL

12 Malangen

4.50 -HANDICAP (DIV 1) (6) £7,500 added (£3,726) 1m 13yds (10) 101 (1) LL2 EL JAD 17 (V) A Brittain 4-9-13.

NON RUNNER 102 (9) 469 EBURY 15 (B) (D2) S Dixon 6-9-13 ...... D Swift 103 (5) L56 NAADYAA 16 Joseph Parr 3-9-10 .... T Hammer Hansen 104 (8) 237 MASQOOL 14 (C&D) H Evans 4-9-10 ... ..D Costello 074 VIVENCY 31 J Mackie 5-9-8... .C Murtagh 106 (3) 450 BOUNTY PURSUIT 42 (C) M Blake 10-9-7....T Greatrex

107 (6) 130 BACK FROM DUBAI 31 (C&D3CDBF2) S Bowring 5-9-5 L Edmunds 108 (4) 83L LADY ZIANA 9 (P) D Brown 4-9-1..... 109 (2) 049 COME TO PASS 105 A Carroll 3-9-1. .T Eaves J Mitchell 110 (10) 357 LUSCIFER 23 (C&D2C) R Harris 5-8-13 Gina Mangan (5)

Probable SP: 11-4 Vivency, 3 Back From Dubai, 11-2 Ebury, 6 Masgool, 8 Naadvaa, Luscifer, 16 Bounty Pursuit, 5.25 - HANDICAP (DIV 2) (6) £7,500 added (£3,726) 1m 13yds (10)

201 (5) 321 HARBOUR VISION (4lbex) 9 (V) (D) S Dixon 7-9-13 202 (6) L46 SIX O'CLOCK SWILL 37 M Pattinson 4-9-12 .... J Bryan 203 (8) 113 CLIPSHAM GOLD 35 (DBF) K P De Foy 3-9-10 B Sayette (3)

204 (7) 2-46 MY MIRAGE 149 (H) Alice Haynes 4-9-10 T Hammer Hansen 205 (4) 54/9- THUNDER GAP 502 T Tate 5-9-7. B Garritty 206 (3) 318 WHEAL KITTY 27 (D) B Smart 3-9-7. . H Shaw (2) 242 CLOCH NUA 7 Mrs Stella Barclay 3-9-3... ..... S Donohoe 082 INEXPLICABLE 2 (TV) (C&D) A Brittain 5-9-2.. C Hardie 209 (1) 351 HOOTS TOOTS 24 (T) (C&D) M & D Easterby 3-9-1

Joanna Mason 10 (10) L85 KODIACLAIM 79 | Furtado 3-8-8 ...J Haynes Probable SP: 3 Harbour Vision, 7-2 Clipsham Gold, 5 Hoots Toots, 7 Cloch Nua, 8 My Mirage, Inexplicable. —MAIDEN STAKES (5) £8,000 added (£4,320)
7f 14yds (13)

2 BAYRAAT 24 T Tate 6-9-10... 302 (8) STORM FRONT S bin Suroor 4-9-10..... .. D Costello 32 CASTLEBERG ROCK 105 (BF) R Craggs 3-9-7 303 (9) T Eaves 304 (6) 233 DOUX ESPRIT 82 R Varian 3-9-7 J Mitchell 305 (7) 9-3 EBTIHAAJ 159 B Meehan 3-9-7. L Steward 306 (13) 8 GALTON 54 A Brittain 3-9-7. ... C Hardie 4 TELEMACHUS 29 (HT) J Fanshawe 3-9-7 B Sayette (3) WIZARDING H Main 3-9-7 308 (12) J Bryan 309 (2) L CAZCADE 57 A Carroll 3-9-2 K O'Neill 7- COMPLIANT 323 J Fanshawe 3-9-2. .R Scott 311 (4) LORDSBRIDGE GIRL W Knight 3-9-2. S Donohoe

312 (1) 5-23 PRINTEMPS 122 K R Burke 3-9-2. ...C Lee 313 (11) 57 RUMAILAH 19 M Wigham 3-9-2...... Grace McEntee (3) Probable SP: 9-4 Doux Esprit, 3 Printemps, 13-2 Ebtihaaj, 7 Castleberg Rock, 8 Storm Front, 12 Bayraat, 14 Compliant. 30 -HANDICAP (6) (3-Y-0) £7,500 added (£3,726) 4f 214yds (14)

401 (3) 11L NEXT SECOND 19 (D2) R Carr 9-9... Josephine Gordon 402 (13) 233 SPARKED 10 (D) J Boyle 9-9... ... B Savette (3) 403 (2) 63L TIBERIO SMILE 25 N Tinkler 9-7. ...R Scott 404 (12) L28 SIX O' HEARTS 77 S Dixon 9-7. Jefferson Smith 405 (7) 884 TILSWORTH ONY TA 19 (D) J R Jenkins 9-6...... C Lee (10) 658 JUNGLE BEE 59 (P) T Easterby 9-6. .C Hardie (11) 265 PRIMO 26 (D) R Felf 9-5. J Peate (5)

408 (8) 621 THE GREY LASS 25 (TV) (D) M & D Easterby 9-5

S Gray 409 (5) L22 SLATE CRACKER 24 (B) D Carroll 9-4. H Shaw 410 (1) 54L MISS ANACO 5 (T) (D) S Bowring 9-4... 411 (4) 45L MAYBE TONIGHT 46 A Carroll 9-4...... .. L Edmunds ...S Osborne (3) 412 (14) 449 HATTIE C 14 (D) R Harris 9-1 ... .Gina Mangan (5) 413 (6) 4-2L GOOD TO GO 175 J R Jenkins 9-0 ... ...J Bradnam (7) 414 (9) 665 GO POPPY 35 A Carroll 9-0 .. .K O'Neill Probable SP: 4 The Grey Lass, 11-2 Slate Cracker, 13-2 Sparked, 15-2 Next Second, 8 Tilsworth Ony Ta, Primo.

7.00 - HANDICAP (6) £7,500 added (£3,726)
4f 214yds (14) 501 (13) 284 FOR PEAT'S SAKE 9 (V) (D) M Appleby 4-9-10

L Edmunds 502 (11) 20L BRANDY STATION 174 (P) (C&D3D4) L Williamson 7-9-9 Z Wheatley (5) 503 (14) L52 JACK RYAN 10 (B) (C) J Ryan 5-9-8....... B Sayette (3) 504 (9) 510 BLACKCURRENT 99 (P) (C&DD6) A Brown 6-9-8

Paula Muir (3) 505 (1) 343 THE TRON 19 (V) (C&DD) D Shaw 4-9-7.506 (6) 382 KOROPICK 29 (T) C Teague 8-9-3..... ... C Hardie .T Eaves 955 LOUIS TREIZE 31 (H) (C&D) H Evans 6-9-2.D Costello 508 (4) 367 MR PC 16 (D) A Carroll 4-9-2. J Fisher (5) 509 (8) 730 SWELL SONG 9 (V) R Cowell 6-9-1...... ...S Osborne (3) 510 (5) 583 ENCHANTED NIGHT 9 (P) C Dunnett 4-9-0 Collen Storey

511 (3) 468- RED STRIPES 322 (P) (C&D5CD7) L Williamson 10-9-0 512 (12) 07L PACOPASH 29 (V) R Menzies 4-9-0 Josephine Gordon 513 (2) 707 MISS CONNAISSEUR 34 (T) B Case 4-9-0 ...... N Currie 514 (10) OLL SWOOPER 51 (P) (D) C Dunnett 4-9-0 ..... .. E J Walsh Probable SP: 4 Koropick, 5 For Peat's Sake, 11-2 The

Tron, 6 Enchanted Night, 8 Louis Treize, 10 Blackcurrent.

ROBIN GOODFELLOW 4.50 Back From Dubai 5.25 Harbour Vision 6.00 Doux Esprit 6.30 Slate Cracker 7.00 Blackcurrent 7.30 Soul Seeker

**GIMCRACK** 4.50 Ebury 5.25 Clipsham Gold 6.00 Printemps 6.30 Primo 7.00 Jack Ryan 7.30 Lilkian 8.00 KITTEN'S DREAM (nap) 8.00 Chicago Gal 8.30 Siofra

8.30 Valley Of Flowers 7.30 -HANDICAP (4) £10,800 added (£5,508)
4f 214yds (10)

601 (10) 408 ASTRO JAKK 37 (B) (C&D2C) Darryll Holland 6-9-11 N Currie 602 (3) 122 SOUL SEEKER 20 (V) (D5BF) D O'Meara 5-9-9 D Nolan .. S Osborne (3) Liam Wright (7) 605 (4) 343 KHABIB 23 (P) (D4) R Craggs 4-9-6. 606 (9) 411 SO GRATEFUL 31 (C&DC2) M & D Easterby 4-9-4 Joanna Mason 607 (7) 467 MARNIE JAMES 7 (P) (D5) S Dixon 7-9-3....... D Swift 608 (8) 361 MELODY KING 26 (H) (D3) J J Quinn 5-9-3 ...... H Shaw 609 (5) 364 EHRMANN 14 (PT) (C&DD) Miss A Murphy 4-9-2

Dayverson De Barros 610 (6) D14 STREET LIFE 20 (P) (C&D2D3) P Morris 5-8-13 Morgan Cole (7) Seeker, 8 Street Life, Khabib, Ehrmann, 14 Marnie James.

Probable SP: 9-4 So Grateful, 9-2 Melody King, 5 Soul 00 -HANDIG. (12) -HANDICAP (6) £7,500 added (£3,726)

(5) 312 KITTEN'S DREAM 9 (B) (CD) S Dixon 5-10-0.... D Swift 353 HENRY THE FIFTH 50 (PT) (D) A Carson 4-9-7 Molly Gunn (7) 3 (12) 257 GO BEYOND 84 A Wintle 3-9-4. ...F Marsh 4 (7) 336 AWAY WIT DA FAIRYS 14 (P) (C) Alice Haynes 3-9-4

K O'Neill 8L2 CHICAGO GAL 22 A King 3-9-3 S Osborne (3) 857 ARABIST 24 (P) P Morris 6-9-2. .C Planas (7) 086 MANYANA 59 J Portman 3-9-1 J Mitchell (3) 441 EDDIE THE BEAGLE 28 (D) W Muir & C Grassick 3-9-1 L Edmunds

9 (10) OLL- GOLDEN SHOT 301 Sir M Prescott 3-9-0 T Hammer Hansen 10 (2) 8-43 FUNKY TOWN PINKIE 24 | Furtado 3-8-10 ..... Haynes 11 (4) OL2 NACHOS CHEESE 37 (T) Joseph Parr 3-8-6

Josephine Gordon 12 (8) 643 JUST PERCY 39 C Dunnett 3-8-4. Collen Storey Probable SP: 11-4 Golden Shot, 9-2 Eddie The Beagle, 5 Kitten's Dream, 7 Chicago Gal, 8 Nachos Cheese

8.30 -HANDICAP (6) £7,500 added (£3,726) 1m 4f 14yds (14)

1 (11) 657 CENTRAL CITY 45 (P) (D2) G Kelleway 7-9-9 Bradley Furniss (7) 2 (5) 241 HAVEN LADY 20 (B) (D2) J J Quinn 4-9-8....D Costello (3) 8-42 POSTER CHILD 114 K Frost 5-9-7 J Mitchell (8) 166 MORNING SYMPHONY 22 (PT) (D) J Snowden 4-9-7

L Steward 5 (13) LLL SAMARA STAR 36 (D) S Dixon 4-9-7...Jefferson Smith (4) 0-42 SIOFRA 20 (H) G Scott 4-9-6 ... ... B Savette (3) 88-L BAD ATTITUDE 25 (D) C Dunnett 5-9-6 ... .. E J Walsh 8 (10) 717 BLAZER TWO 42 (DBF) M Scudamore 4-9-5 ... T Eaves 9 (6) 7L7 COLONIAL LOVE 101 (P) (D) R Brisland 4-9-4K O'Neill 10 (14) 7L3 CALCUTTA DREAM 17 (BF) M & D Easterby 4-9-3 S Gray

11 (7) 153 CAFE SYDNEY 32 (D4) A Carroll 6-9-3... ...C Lee 12 (2) 221 VALLEY OF FLOWERS (5lbex) 6 (H) J Coward 4-9-3 Joanna Mason 13 (12) 158 TOYBOX 43 J Portman 6-9-2. .Olivia Tubb (7)

14 (9) 453 MISS SLIGO 33 (T) (C&DD) J Osborne 5-9-1S Osborne (3) Probable SP: 7-2 Valley Of Flowers, 4 Haven Lady, 5 Siofra, 6 Poster Child, 7 Calcutta Dream, 12 Miss Sligo, Blazer Two. TRACK FACTS: JACKPOT MEETING. L-H

Tapeta course. GOING: Standard. STALLS: 5f centre; remainder inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None. Top Jockey: Kieran O'Neill. Top trainer: M Appleby. Headgear first time: 5.25 My Mirage, 6.30 Miss Anaco, 7.00 Miss Connaisseur, Red Stripes, 7.30 Marnie James, 8.30 Colonial Love, Siofra. Longest traveller: Bounty Pursuit (4.50) 197 miles. Drop in Class: 6.00 Doux Esprit is down 2 grades on last run (Class 3 to Class 5). First run since wind surgery: None today.

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# Federer set for farewell doubles with rival Rafa

# Two legends to combine for Roger's London swansong

IS voice cracking with emotion. Roger Federer contemplated 15 months of pain and a likely farewell playing alongside Rafael Nadal.

The Swiss master, 41, will strike his final shots, with that serene kind of anger, tomorrow evening at the Laver Cup in London. It could well be in the company of his oldest rival.

Federer confirmed he will play just one doubles match in the Team Europe versus Team World

# SWISS MASTER OPEN TO **COMMENTARY CAREER**

ROGER FEDERER is open to doing TV work at Wimbledon and elsewhere after he retires. The 41-year-old Swiss wants to stay involved in the game and said: 'I always thought I'll never go on the journalist side, but six months ago I was thinking, "Oh, you know what? I guess I could imagine it". It's important that we, the great players, still are around. If I can add something, maybe that would be nice.'

match, his right knee unable to survive anything more vigorous.

It may seem curmudgeonly, but it should be pointed out that this will be another case of tennis bending its own rules to accommodate its superstars. These stipulate each player in the six-man squad must play singles in the first two days of the event.

The star attraction can no longer do that and, for all this event's pretensions of being a serious tournament, he has had clearance from all concerned to



by MIKE DICKSON Tennis Correspondent

avoid it. It may stop some sort of genteel riot among those who will flock to London's O2 Arena, for they all want a last sight of the player who can claim to be the most popular in history.

'This is an ATP event and I don't want to mess with that, but at the same time, I know my limitations,' said Federer. 'This is why I asked Bjorn (Borg, the Europe captain) if it was OK if I play just one doubles. Then I guess Matteo (Berrettini) would come in and play on Saturday for me. Bjorn said that's totally fine.

'I spoke to John (McEnroe, Team World captain), as well. They asked the tournament and the ATP if that was OK and everybody said that was fine. So here I am trying to prepare for one last doubles. I'm nervous because I haven't played in so long. I hope I can be somewhat competitive.'

There is unlikely to be a repeat of the last set Federer played, the 6-0 reverse against Hubert Hurkacz at Wimbledon last year.

Nadal would be a fitting partner, given their extraordinary shared history. Contemplating this rarefied partnership, Federer said: 'As long as we battled together, having always this respect for one another, the families, our coaching teams, we always got along really well.

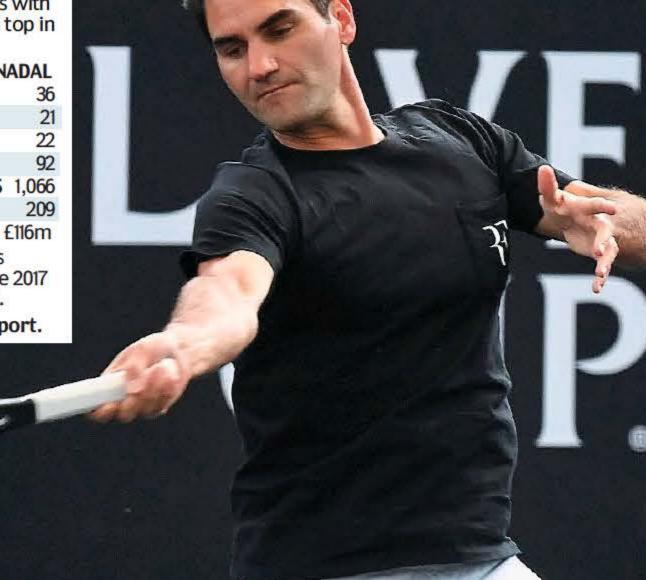
For us to go through the career we had and to come out on the other side, being able to have a nice relationship, is a great message as well. To not just tennis but sports and maybe even



THE pair met 40 times with Nadal coming out on top in the head-to-head 24-16.

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Laver (	Cup, where they won.	

Laver Cup is LIVE on Eurosport.



Clean connection: Federer practises at the O<sub>2</sub> Arena in preparation for tomorrow's farewell EPA

beyond.' Federer plans to play of an astonishing career. Three how they did it. Next thing you exhibition matches in future if his came to mind: beating Pete know, you're part of that group body is up to it. Regardless, he will not be disappearing from view as many of the elite have done.

'I won't be a ghost,' said Federer, who appeared to have a slight lump in his throat. 'I feel tennis has given me too much. I have been around the game for too long, fallen in love with too many things. That's what I wanted to let the fans know, that you'll see me again.'

Federer has already reflected on what he considers the high spots

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Sampras at Wimbledon in 2001 (their only meeting), his lone triumph at Roland Garros in 2009 and winning the 2017 Australian Open immediately after coming back from injury.

Above all, however, it is the longevity of his success that has given him the most satisfaction.

'That has a special meaning to me. I always looked to Michael Schumacher, Tiger Woods, the other guys that stayed for so long at the top. I didn't understand

and it's been a great feeling.'

EMMA RADUCANU moved into the second round of the Korea Open in Seoul yesterday with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Japan's Moyuka Uchijima. The 19-year-old said: 'My goal is to keep trying to swing freer and freer in each match. My other goal is to try and stay in Korea for as long as possible.' Raducanu faces former world No 12 Yanina Wickmayer from Belgium today.

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7	(9)		SPRING DAY A Balding 9-2	
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6	.1	5-BE	ISI HANDICAP (5) £8,500 added (£4,266) 6	of (10)

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5-RACING WELFARE HANDICAP (6) £6,800 added (£3,348) m (9) L40 COUNTERATTACK 50 G Boughey 3-9-9. P Cosgrave 12L526 ESSME 19 J Bridger 4-9-8...... L48L HEY BAILS 28 A Carson 3-9-8 C Shepherd Jimmy Quinn 496248 DARK KRIS 22 (PT) | Furtado 5-9-7 Elle-May Croot (7) L8-8423 THREE DONS 57 A Carroll 3-9-5. ..D Probert 09-5LL SWEET SUMMER 22 (B) M Appleby 3-9-4. A Rawlinson 0880-00 SAXONHILL 78 P McEntee 5-9-4. . T Heard (3) 7U642L SOMEDAYONEDAYNEVER 48 A Carroll 3-9-0 Rossa Ryan LL36L ELEMENTOFSURPRISE 23 J Bridger 3-9-0. .. G Rooke Probable SP: 11-4 Somedayonedaynever, 3 Three Dons, 4 Essme, 5 Counterattack, 6 Dark Kris, 20 Saxonhill, Hey Bails.

TRACK FACTS: L-H Polytrack course. GOING: Standard. STALLS: 6f centre; remainder inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low in sprints. Top jockey: Callum Shepherd. Top trainer: C & M Johnston. Headgear first time: 5.45 Probable, 6.45 Sweet Summer, 7.45 Jacks Profit, Rumourmonger, 8.15 Libbretta. Longest traveller: Nordhalla (7.15) 230 miles. Drop In Class: 5.45 Expeditious is down 3 grades on last run (Class 2 to Class 5); 6.15 Under Curfew (3); 6.45 Counterattack (2); 8.15 Zealotalot (2).

# **ROBIN GOODFELLOW**

### 5.45 Rock Girl 6.15 Mostallim 6.45 Dark Kris 7.15 All Go 7.45 Heatherdown Hero

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1.15 HANDICAP (5) £8,500 added (£4,266) 1m (7) (7) 4-116L7 NORDHALLA 82 (D2) C & M Johnston 3-9-10. 4L1L GLORIOUS PEACHES 22 (D) S P C Woods 3-9-10 ...... A Farragher (5) 145-245 DEEP SIGH 44 (D) D M Simcock 4-9-9... .C Shepherd 232321 ALL GO 31 A Balding 3-9-9 .. D Probert .Erika Parkinson (7)

1422L7 FINERY 10 (H) (C&D2D2) M Appleby 5-9-7. 8535 DONNA ITALIANA 43 T Ward 3-9-2...... Rossa Ryan (4) 7L2140 SHIFTER 29 (C&D) S C Williams 3-8-12. Probable SP: 5-4 All Go, 4 Shifter, 7 Nordhalla, Donna Italiana, 8 Deep Sigh

5 -CHELMSFORDCITYRACECOURSE.COM HANDICAP (6) £6,800 added (£3,348) 1m 2f (12) (9) 281-664 ALICE KITTY 6 (T) (D) Matt Crawley 4-10-0. .A Keeley (5)

 422352 JANUS 7 (V) (D2) S Hodgson 7-9-12. .A Farragher (5) 36523L ENGRAVE 7 (P) (C&D5) J Feilden 6-9-12... 55-1735 JACKS PROFIT 54 (V) (D) P Evans 3-9-11. .. D E Hogan P Cosgrave 764L32 HEATHERDOWN HÈRÒ 22 (BF) M Bell 3-9-8. .C Shepherd 902232 RICHARD P SMITH 32 E Dunlop 3-9-7. .Rossa Ryan (6) 754676 APACHE GREY 28 (BF) R Hughes 3-9-4. . G Rooke (4) 3-4L511 ANGELS ROC 10 (D2) J Boyle 5-9-3. C Bennett L09-0 LAST ROAR 229 Mrs L Mongan 3-9-3 C Bishop .. D Probert R Da Silva (5) 9-65588 RUMOURMONGER 7 (BH) M Appleby 3-8-7 Probable SP: 11-4 Angels Roc, 4 Richard P Smith, 9-2 Heatherdown Hero, 5 Janus, 8 Jacks Profit, 10 Alice Kitty, 12 Engrave, 20 Apache Grey, Twining. 5 -CCR HANDICAP (6) £6,800 added (£3,348) 2m (9)

(7) L12731 CITY VAULTS (6lbex) 9 D O'Meara 3-10-0. Jason Watson 822933 BIRD FOR LIFE 29 (P) (D3) M Usher 8-9-12. Isobel Francis (7) 06621-0 PERCY'S PRINCE 29 (P) (D2) C Hobson 6-9-12. 364465 LIBBRETTA 96 (T) J Long 7-9-9..... 77L6 EASTER ICON 23 M Channon 3-9-7 S Hitchcott G Bass (3) LL2221 CAPTAIN HOWSE (6lbex) 9 (V) Sir M Prescott 3-9-7 .. D Probert 6L8 ZEALOTALOT 28 H Main 3-9-6. Mollie Phillips (5) (6) 9-65122 COPPERPLATE 39 (B) R Hughes 3-9-6... .. G Rooke (5) 7L95L5 COUL UNIVERSE 17 (B) Peter Charalambous & James Clutterbuck

Probable SP: 6-4 Captain Howse, 3 City Vaults, 4 Copperplate, 9-2 Bird For Life, 16 Libbretta, 20 Easter Icon.

First run since wind surgery: None today.

### GOODWOOD

1.50 — GALACTIC JACK (D Probert) 2-1(2ndFav) 1; Midnight Lion 7-4F 2; Rathgar 9-1 3. 9 ran. (A Balding). 1l, 1l. Tote: 3.00; 1.20, 1.20, 2.30. Ex: 6.30. Tf: 33.20. CSF: 6.01.

2.25 - VAFORTINO (D Muscutt) 15-2 1; Substantial 9-2(Jt2ndFav) 2; Stately Home 12-1 3. 12 ran. (K P De Foy). hd, nk. Tote: 8.50; 3.00, 2.10, 3.70. Ex: 46.80. Tc: 412.10. Tf: 681.50. CSF: 41.86.

3.00 - ALCAZAN (T Marquand) 6-1 1; Twilight Heir 25-1 2; Antiphon 11-2(2ndFav) 3. 14 ran. (R Teal). 11/4, hd. Tote: 7.00; 8.00, 2.30, 2.50. Ex: 189.10. Tc: 909.90. Tf: 1406.20. CSF: 157.86. 3.35 - ROYAL FLEET (W Buick)

8-11F 1; Rousay 10-1 2; Cadillac

5-2(2ndFav) 3. 4 ran. (C Appleby). 1l, shd. Tote: 1.73; Ex: 6.60. Tf: 12.70. CSF: 8.19. NR: Sinjaari. 4.10 — STRAWBERRI (A Atzeni) 11-4(2ndFav) 1; Viola 11-2 2; Wickywickywheels 11-2 3. 6 ran. (R Varian). 11/4, nk. Tote: 3.75; 2.00, 2.50. Ex: 17.40. Tf: 65.10. CSF: 17.28.

4.45 — GOOD BIRTHDAY (H Davies) 11-4F 1; Carp Kid 5-1(2ndFav) 2; Lawn Ranger 7-1 3. 11 ran. (A Balding). shd, 21/2. Tote: 3.75; 1.60, 2.00, 2.40. Ex: 19.70. Tc: 88.22. Tf: 126.10. CSF: 15.90. NR: General Lee.

5.20 MR BEAUFORT (J Mitchell) 10-1 1; Dream Composer 7-1 2; Glamorous Breeze 4-1F 3. 12 ran. (Tom Clover). 1l, ½. Tote: 11.50; 2.20, 3.70, 1.50. Ex: 99.70. Tc: 332.39. Tf: 380.70. CSF: 78.82.

Jackpot £10,000.00, £1,962.15 carried over. Placepot £52.00. Q'pot £14.20.

1-7F 1; Lady Stanwix 11-2(2ndFav) 2; Solway Molly

1.00 — HAPPY D'EX (S Bowen)

# AFTERNOON RESULTS

28-1 3. 4 ran. (G Elliott (IRE)). 21/4, 33l. Tote: 1.15; Ex: 1.10. Tf: 1.40. CSF: 1.46.

(D McMenamin) 9-4F 1; Check My Pulse 3-1 2; Sword Of Fate 3-1 3. 4 ran. (D Sayer). 31/4, 11/4. Tote: 3.25; Ex: 8.60. Tf: 20.40. CSF: 8.85. NR: City Derby.
2.10 — CATCHMEIFYOUCAN

(Sean Quinlan) 14-1 1; Jack Devine 12-1 2; Poppa Poutine 2-1F 3. 7 ran. (J Candlish). 33/4, nk. Tote: 17.50; 6.20, 5.40. Ex: 158.80. Tf: 458.20. CSF: 150.89. 2.45 — CHARLIE UBERALLES (C O'Farrell) 3-1(2ndFav) 1; Lord Napier 9-2 2; Ballyandy 13-2 3. 7 ran. (D Sayer). 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, nk. Tote: 4.00; 2.00, 2.70. Ex: 16.50. Tc: 79.82. Tf: 79.20. CSF: 16.93. NR:

Golden Taipan. 3.20 — CURIOUS TIMES (J Bowen) 17-2 1; Idilico 11-8F 2: Battle Of Toro 13-2 3. 6 ran. (S Crawford (IRE)). 23/4, 23/4. Tote: 10.10; 3.70, 1.30. Ex: 26.50. Tf: 118.50. CSF: 21.66.

3.55 — SHANBALLY ROSE (D Johnston) 17-2 1; Izzy's Champion 3-1F 2; Tommydan 13-2 3. 7 ran. (R Dobbin). 11, 71. Tote: 9.50; 4.00, 1.70. Ex: 36.10. Tc: 178.36. Tf: 238.10. CSF: 35.07. NR: Going Mobile. 4.30 — CALLIOPE (B Hughes)

11-4F 1; Lough Carra 7-2(2ndFav) 2; Hattaab 66-1 3. 11 ran. (D Sayer). 7½, nk. Tote: 3.75; 1.50, 1.40, 13.90. Ex: 13.80. Tc: 522.47. Tf: 716.00. CSF: 13.72. NR: Near Kettering.

Placepot £1,320.10. Q'pot £413.50

REDCAR TALAMANCA (J Hart) 7-2(2ndFav) 1; Three Beauz 25-1 2; Machito 6-1 3. 11 ran. (R Spencer). 11, 34. Tote:

4.70; 1.70, 6.50, 2.10. Ex: 133.20.

Tc: 531.13. Tf: 730.10. CSF: 94.26. NRs: Just Janet, Violeta. 2.18 — LINCOLN ROCKSTAR (J Hart) 10-1 1; Solitary Trees 6-4F 2; Edwina Sheeran 14-1 3. 10 ran. (C & M Johnston). 1l, 11/4. Tote: 11.00; 2.50, 1.20, 3.50. Ex: 24.50. Tc: 225.73. Tf: 295.00. CSF: 25.59.

2.53 — IN THESE SHOES (J Hart) 8-15F 1; Good Gracious 9-4(2ndFav) 2; Coverdale 9-2 3. 8 ran. (C & M Johnston). 3<sup>3</sup>4, 1l. Tote: 1.54; 1.02, 1.10, 1.60. Ex: 2.30. Tf: 3.50. CSF: 2.30. NRs: Golden Firefly, The Follower. 3.28 — KAIF (H Turner)

11-4(2ndFav) 1; Abruzzo Mia 7-2 2; Momaer 13-2 3. 8 ran. (D M Simcock). 11/2, nk. Tote: 3.75; 1.30, 1.50, 1.50. Ex: 14.60. Tf: 63.80. CSF: 12.66. NRs: Endofastorm, Glory And Gold. 4.03 — AMERICAN FLAG Crouch) 3-1(2ndFav) 1; Knightswood 9-4F 2; Strawman

9-2 3. 8 ran. (E Walker). 1l, nk. Tote: 4.00; 1.20, 1.50, 2.00. Ex: 12.10. Tc: 29.45. Tf: 44.10. CSF: 4.37 - LOTUS ROSE (S James)

8-1 1; So Smart 9-4F 2; Sugar Baby 4-1(2ndFav) 3; Dream Deal 8-1 4. 16 ran. (R Fell). 134, hd, 134. Tote: 9.20; 2.20, 1.20, 1.40, 2.20. Ex: 38.40. Tc: 92.88. Tf: 192.80. CSF: 26.00.

KILCONQUHAR (R Scott) 11-1 1; Key Look 11-2 2; Kingofhell 7-2(2ndFav) 3. 12 ran. (Ewan Whillans). ½, 3/4. Tote: 12.20; 2.90, 1.70, 1.70. Ex: 58.10. Tc: 265.07. Tf: 184.30. CSF: 68.53.

ALBESEEINGYER (C Lee) 4-1(2ndFav) 1; Miss Candy 11-4F 2; Tacitus 28-1 3. 12 ran. (Steph Hollinshead). ½, shd. Tote: 5.30; 2.20, 1.40, 6.80. Ex: 15.50. Tc: 279.34. Tf: 448.70.

Placepot £12.50. Q'pot £2.50.

# Balderson skittles Essex

LANCASHIRE bowled ESSEX out for 59 to seal a remarkable 38-run victory inside two days at Chelmsford. George Balderson took a hat-trick and his first career five-for as Essex lost their last nine wickets for 35 runs in pursuit of 98. In total, the four innings in the match produced just 370 runs from 750 balls the shortest first-class match since 2006. In the title race, **SURREY** could be crowned champions with a round to spare after second-placed **HAMPSHIRE** closed the day on 105 for four, chasing 378 to beat **KENT**. Surrey enforced the follow-on at home to YORKSHIRE, with the visitors still trailing by 65 runs with eight wickets left at stumps. Elsewhere, GLAMORGAN batsman David Lloyd hit an unbeaten 313 in their Division Two clash with **DERBYSHIRE** at Cardiff.

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# CRICKET SCOREBOARDS

### LV COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

(Day 2 of 4; today 10.30am)

### Division I

Essex v Lancashire CHELMSFORD: Lancashire (19pts) beat Essex (3) by 38 runs. LANCASHIRE — First Innings 131

Second Innings (Overnight: 25-6) 

Extras (lb1) Total (23.4 overs). Fall: 0, 2, 2, 2, 4, 7, 34, 52, 68. Bowling: S Cook 11-2-46-2, Snater 8-2-10-6, Harmer 3.4-0-6-1, Critchley

1-0-10-0. ESSEX — First Innings 107 Second Innings

M Critchley b Balderson . F Khushi b Williams...... †A Rossington b Balderson . S Harmer c Wells b Williams. S Snater b Williams. S Cook b Williams. J Porter not out Extras (lb5)

Total (22.2 overs) Fall: 24, 28, 28, 28, 35, 46, 55, Bowling: Bailey 7-0-16-1, Williams 8.2-0-24-4, Balderson 7-3-14-5.

Gloucestershire v Warwickshire

BRISTOL: Warwickshire (5pts), with five 2nd-innings wkts in hand, are leading Gloucs (5) by 77 runs. WARWICKSHIRE — First Innings

(Overnight: 255-8) D Sibley not out O Hannon-Dalby b Gohar. R Sidebottom c O Price b T Price .. Extras (lb7, nb4) Total (104.2 overs)

Fall: 21, 24, 64, 109, 136, 138, 246, 249, 256. Bowling: Payne 20-3-61-1, Dale 15-4-43-2, Price 18.2-6-46-2, Zafar Gohar 35-11-64-5, Price 6-1-17-0, van Buuren 6-1-23-0, Taylor 4-0-13-0. Second Innings

R Yates b Payne D Sibley Ibw b T Price †A Davies not out .... S Hain Ibw b T Price. \*W Rhodes c Bracey b T Price .... J Yadav c Bracey b T Price ..... J Bethell not out.

Total (5 wkts 14 overs) Fall: 4, 16, 17, 36, 36. Bowling: Payne 3-0-22-1, Price 6-2-20-4, Z Gohar 5-0-16-0. GLOUCS — First Innings L Charlesworth c Hain b Sidebottom 10

C Dent Ibw b Yadav..... O Price Ibw b Hannon-Dalby. M Hammond c Bethell b Briggs ... 33 †J Bracey b Yadav. 'G van Buuren b Yadav J Taylor c Rhodes b Briggs. Zafar Gohar b Yadav T Price c Hannon-Dalby b Briggs... 6 D Payne c & b Yadav A Dale not out ..... Extras (b8, lb4, nb4)

Bowling: Hannon-Dalby 9-1-27-1, Sidebottom 5-0-39-1, J Yadav 29.3-4-90-5, Brookes 4-2-8-0, Briggs 27-8-79-3.

Hampshire v Kent THE AGEAS BOWL: Hampshire (3pts), with six 2nd-innings wkts in hand, require 273 runs to beat Kent (3).

KENT — First Innings 165 Second Innings (Overnight: 20-3)

T Muyeye lbw b Abbott... D Bell-Drummond b Fuller \*J Leaning c Weatherley b Fuller112 tO Robinson c Vince b Abbas. Finch lbw b Holland. J Evison c Donald b Fuller N Gilchrist c Fuller b Abbas. M Quinn not out Extras (b8, lb5, nb2)

Total (71.5 overs) Fall: 19, 19, 20, 55, 106, 135, 213,

Bowling: Barker 15-3-42-0, Abbott 14-3-52-1, M Abbas 18.5-3-68-4, Holland 10-0-33-2, Fuller 11-0-44-3, Organ 3-0-17-0.

### HAMPSHIRE — First Innings 57 Second Innings F Organ c Compton b Podmore... 37 I Holland Ibw b Quinn...... 3 J Weatherley not out...... K Barker c Muyeye b Gilchrist N Gubbins b Quinn. \*J Vince not out... Extras (lb2)...

Somerset v Northants TAUNTON: Northants (3pts), with four 1st-innings wkts in hand, are trailing Somerset (6) by 205 runs. SOMERSET — First Innings

(Overnight: 271-4) L Goldsworthy c Young b White . 22 †J Rew Ibw b Taylor......32 Gregory Ibw b White C Overton st Vasconcelos b Keogh 13 J Davey not out ...... Sajid Khan c White b Keogh. K Aldridge c Cobb b Keogh Extras (b7, lb4, nb10)......

Bowling: Sanderson 27-10-57-1, White 32-9-84-3, Williams 19-1-74-0, Taylor 24-8-41-1, Keogh 30.3-4-99-4, NORTHANTS — First Innings

Saif Zaib 5-0-23-0. E Gay c Rew b Davey W Young c Abell b Overton ... L Procter c Overton b Davey Cobb c Bartlett b Overton. Keogh c Rew b Overton. †R Vasconcelos c Rew b Overton 17 Saif Zaib not out ... T Taylor not out... Extras (b4, lb2, nb10).

Total (6 wkts 52 overs) Fall: 16, 26, 29, 37, 95, 158. Bowling: Davey 12-0-40-2, Gregory 2-0-20-0, Overton 13-5-25-4, Aldridge 8-0-50-0, S Khan 14-2-32-0, Abell 3-0-11-0.

Surrey v Yorkshire THE KIA OVAL: Yorkshire (3pts), with eight 2nd-innings wkts remaining, need 65 runs to avoid an innings defeat by Surrey (6).

SURREY — First Innings (Overnight: 292-6) J Clark b Mike. J Overton Ibw b Hi Lawes not out 15 Roach b Hill D Worrall c Mike b Coad 23 Extras (lb6, w1, nb12)

(80.5 overs) . Fall: 4, 53, 83, 136, 136, 278, 293, Bowling: Coad 15.5-4-41-3, Thompson 12-1-54-0, Patterson 20-2-69-4, Mike 14-0-91-1, Hill 14-3-46-2, Bess 5-0-26-0

YORKSHIRE — First Innings Lyth c Patel b Roach. Bean b Lawes G Hill c Foakes b Lawes Kohler-Cadmore c Foakes b Lawes 55 Fraine c Pope b Worrall. J Tattersall not out D Bess b Clark Thompson c Foakes b Clark Mike b Steel. Coad b Lawes S Patterson c Pope b Overton. Extras (lb11, nb2). . 13

Fall: 14, 49, 60, 67, 139, 144, 146, Bowling: Roach 12-3-40-1, Worrall 12-4-21-1, Clark 10-0-42-2, Overton 10.4-2-29-1, Lawes 12-3-31-4, Steel

Second Innings Lyth not out . Bean b Worrall G Hill c Pope b Overton. T Kohler-Cadmore not out Total (2 wkts 25 overs).

Fall: 10, 78.

Bowling: Roach 5-2-10-0, Worrall 6-0-27-1, Clark 6-1-17-0, Lawes 4-0-10-0, Steel 2-0-11-0, Overton 2-0-9-1.

DIVISION TWO RIVERSIDE, Sussex 162 (59.4 overs) and 6-3 (3.3 overs), Durham

459-7 dec (103 overs, M Jones 96, N Maddinson 90). SOPHIA GARDENS, Glamorgan 550-5 dec (135.2 overs, D Lloyd 313no, W Root 79), Derbyshire 135-5 (54 overs).

GRACE ROAD, Middlesex 297 (98.0

overs, J Simpson 92, 5 Eskinazi 64, M

Finan 5-58), Leicestershire 273-9 (92 overs, H Swindells 67). NEW ROAD, Worcestershire 390 (118.3 overs, G Roderick 102, B D'Oliveira 85), Nottinghamshire 128 (34.2 overs, E Barnard 4-26) and 129-6 (36 overs, H Hameed 58).

# Ashes crammed into just 46 days!

# All over before August as ECB put the Hundred first

HE Ashes, still the biggest series in cricket, will be crammed into just 46 days next season and will be over by the start of August as the ECB continue to prioritise the Hundred.

But the biggest winners in a schedule confirmed yesterday are England's women's team, who will share the Ashes spotlight like never before.

England begin their international season at the start of June with a four-day Test against Ireland at Lord's.

But it will be the Ashes and the mouthwatering prospect of Ben Stokes and Brendon McCullum taking on Australia at full blast that, as ever, will dominate cricket's landscape.

Yet it will be an endurance test for the players — particularly Jimmy Anderson, who turns 41 on the penultimate day of the series, with the first Ashes Test beginning at Edgbaston on June 16 and



### by PAUL **NEWMAN** Cricket

the fifth ending at the Oval on July 31.

That means, for the first time in 139 years, the blue riband event of the calendar will not feature in the prime summer month of August. Instead, the Hundred will again get a largely clear run and is set in stone for the key school holiday month for the next five years.

It has been suggested that Australia's fixture list has played a part in the extraordinary piece of scheduling which threatens to compromise the quality of the Ashes, as the matches will be so congested.

But the Aussies are not due to play again until they go to South Africa for a white-ball tour at the very end of August next year, so that cannot be blamed for the unsatisfactory schedule. There is no such negativity for the women's Ashes which, rightly. shares top billing after the huge strides made in the most positive consequence of the ECB's controversial decision to invent a new format.

The success of the women's Hundred and the return of women's cricket to the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham this summer has encouraged the ECB to stage a five-day women's Test to launch the Ashes at the prime venue of Trent Bridge.

Then the multi-format women's Ashes will continue to run pretty much concurrently with the men's series rather than being an afterthought, with all their white-ball matches played at the larger, more established venues they have so often been denied.

'I'm so happy, I feel like I've been banging the drum for five-day Tests for a long time so it's a special moment,' said England captain Heather Knight, who has seen the last six women's Tests staged

# ( 2023 ASHES ( )

■ 1st Test: Edgbaston, June 16-20

2nd Test: Lord's, June 28-July 2

3rd Test: Headingley, July 6-10

4th Test: Old Trafford, July 19-23

5th Test: The Oval, July 27-31

■ WOMEN'S TEST:

Trent Bridge, June 22-26

worldwide over the last five years all end in four-day draws.

The final of the men's World Test Championship — highly unlikely to feature England will take place at the Oval before the Ashes, while England finish their summer with two late-season white-ball series against New Zealand and Ireland.



# Rafiq demand could derail hearing

AZEEM RAFIQ has threatened not to appear before the ECB's hearing into accusations of racism at Yorkshire next month unless it takes place in public, in a remarkable move that has put the disciplinary process on the brink of collapse. Sportsmail has learned that in an application made to the ECB's Cricket Discipline Commission last week, Rafiq

formally requested a public hearing and intimated he would not participate if it is held in private, as is the common practice. Rafiq is the key witness in one of the highest-profile disciplinary cases in cricket history that has seen misconduct charges brought against seven former Yorkshire players following allegations that they used

racist or bullying language towards him during his time at Headingley. ECB investigators have

spent almost 10 months and hundreds of thousands of pounds on the process, but it is unclear whether they would be able to proceed without Rafig's involvement. The decision on whether to make the hearing public rests with the CDC, who

operate independently from the ECB, and to do so would be highly unusual. As prosecutors, the ECB are likely to push for a closed hearing despite Rafiq's ultimatum, because much of the evidence has been gathered on the provision that it will take place in private. The ECB and Rafig declined to comment.

MATT HUGHES

**Rugby Union** Daily Mail, Thursday, September 22, 2022

# **EXCLUSIVE** by CHRIS

Jason Whittingham borrowed £500,000 from club legend Cecil Duckworth during his 'dying days' and have failed to repay the debt.

As the embattled pair face mounting pressure from the RFU over their mishandling of the stricken Warriors, Sportsmail can reveal that they accepted financial support from Duckworth soon after taking control at Sixways in 2018.

Multiple sources have confirmed the large sum received has not been paid back.

This revelation will horrify those within the club and the rugby community around Worcester, who share such admiration for Duckworth — a local businessman and philanthropist.

He began his association with the Warriors in 1997 and oversaw their rise from the lower leagues all the way to the Premiership, as executive chairman and a generous investor. He combined his rugby activities with charitable work and went on to become president of Worcestershire County Cricket Club.

Duckworth died in November 2020 at the age of 83, after suffering from cancer, and a subsequent inquest concluded that it had been caused by inhaling asbestos

many years earlier. He had long since ended any direct financial involvement with Worcester, but — while ill, in his 80s — he opted to loan money to Goldring and Whittingham. There is no suggestion the pair knew of Duckworth's illness at the time. One source said: 'He trusted them and they betrayed him.'

The Duckworth family have been alarmed by the turmoil at the club, which Cecil worked so hard to develop over many years.

In a statement in August, after it emerged the Warriors were facing a winding-up petition, they wrote: "The Duckworth family are very saddened by the recent news at Worcester Warriors.

'Cecil and others spent many years building up the rugby club and we know he would be devastated by the events which are unfolding. Our thoughts are with the staff and players.'

Meanwhile, the RFU have ramped up the pressure on

# Worcester borrowed Rugby Correspondent ORCESTER'S Owners Colin Goldring and Jason Whittingclub icon but owners failed to pay it back

### A LOCAL LEGEND

- BECAME involved with the Warriors in 1997 after selling his heating business.
- WITH his backing, the club rose from Division Five to the top-flight for the first time in their history in 2004.
- STEPPED back from his commitments after the club was sold in 2013.
- LATER in life he became club president of the Warriors and Worcestershire County Cricket Club.

Goldring and Whittingham, at a time when their proposed sale of Worcester has stalled again.

Sportsmail understands that the buyer who has been in negotiations with the owners recently confirmed that a buy-out would not take place unless the Warriors go into administration, to allow some of the near-£30million debt to be cleared and a forensic investigation of financial activities to take place.

This means that the unknown second buyer is waiting in the wings, as are the consortium led

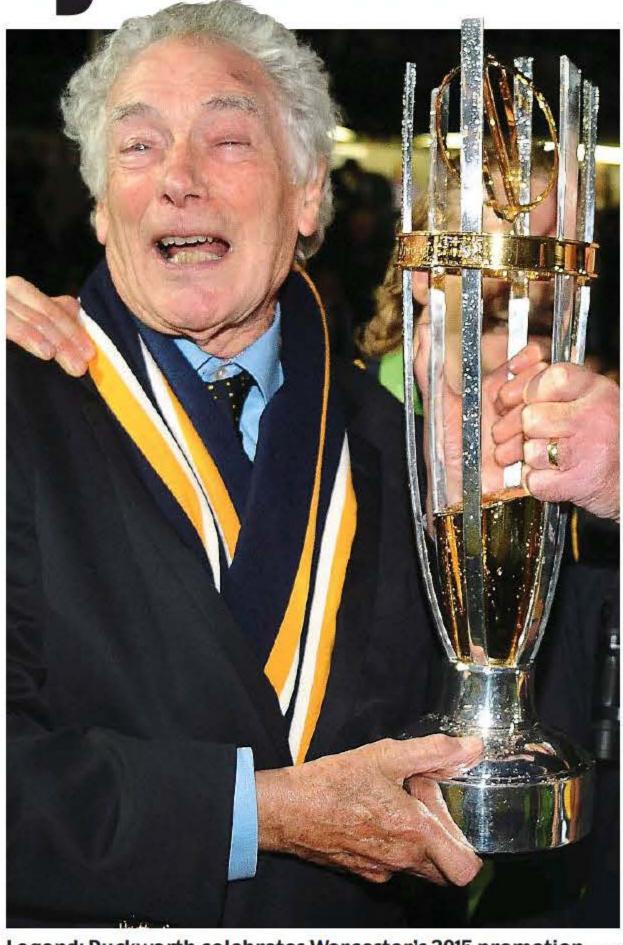
by former chief executive Jim O'Toole, who have insisted on administration as a condition of taking over but have funds in place. Last Sunday, Whittingham claimed a deal was likely to be done within 48 hours, but that deadline passed on Tuesday.

Now the club hierarchy have been warned by the union at Twickenham that they must provide assurances by noon today about their ability to stage Saturday's Premiership game against Newcastle at Sixways, or Worcester will be suspended from all competitions.

In addition, they must provide - by 5pm on Monday - proof of suitable insurance and payment of all outstanding August wages to staff and players.

The owners must also give clear evidence of a 'robust and fully financed plan for the future viability of the club', as well as identifying a proposed buyer and the structure of the deal.

Furthermore, the RFU want to see details of proposed cash injections and how the club will pay September wages by the end of the month. A letter sent to the owners by the union states: 'Whilst we appreciate that this will be unwelcome news, it is clear that the current state of affairs cannot continue.



Legend: Duckworth celebrates Worcester's 2015 promotion REX

# In his 80s, while he was ill, **Duckworth loaned the** owners money. He trusted them and they betrayed him

# MORE CHAOS AS WASPS DENY GOING BUST

frantically trying to reassure stunned, worried players and staff that the club are not about to go bust, after serving notice of intention to go into administration. At a time of financial turmoil in the English game, the Coventry-based club were forced to take drastic action to stave off the threat of a winding-up order from HMRC. Wasps have been scrambling to secure the investment needed to belatedly pay back £35million of debt from a bond scheme used to help finance their move to the West Midlands from London in 2014.

WASPS were last night

If Wasps were to go into administration, with the current season under way,

### By CHRIS FOY and NIK SIMON

the punishment would be relegation from the Premiership when the 2022-23 campaign comes to an end.

The news that they had served notice to take this last-resort option spread shock and panic among employees, with sources confirming that members of the playing squad and management team were caught off guard by the alarming development. However, a message seen by Sportsmail — was later sent out to staff attempting to ease their concerns. It read: 'This morning, HMRC made a decision to give their

intention to issue a

winding-up order against the club for outstanding monies owed. Due to this, the board have taken the decision to enter a Notice of Intention to Appoint an Administrator.

'This is not the same as entering into administration but it is a method by which the club can continue to trade whilst it finalises its negotiations with regards to the refinance package which the board have been working on.

'Clearly, this is an unsettling time for all involved. However, at this present moment in time, there is no change to daily operations and we have been informed that there is no reason why salaries due next week should not be paid as expected. What

this process will do is protect the business in the short term, to give it an opportunity to complete the refinance process. 'We have arranged for our restructuring partner, FRP, together with board members, to be available at the training ground in person tomorrow to answer any questions directly.'

There are bound to be plenty of questions. Earlier this month, Wasps released a statement which claimed that the club had 'received an offer which would see the bonds fully redeemed on completion of this refinancing'. It suggested talks with the lender were at 'an advanced stage', but there has been no definitive breakthrough.

## SPORT IN BRIEF

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### ■ CRICKET

SECOND WOMEN'S ODI - Canterbury, India 333-5 (50 overs, H Kaur 143no, H Deol 58), England 245 (44.2 overs D Wyatt 65, R Thakur 4-57). India beat England by 88 runs.

### **■ CYCLING**

**UCI ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS** (Wollongong, Australia) - Mixed team time trial (28.2km): 1 Switzerland 33mins 47secs, 2 Italy +3s, 3 Australia +38s.

### ■ RUGBY UNION

PREMIERSHIP RUGBY CUP Harlequins 26 London Irish 30, Gloucester 49 Worcester 21.

## **TENNIS**

ATP MOSELLE OPEN (Metz, France) - 1st rnd: S Wawrinka (Swi) bt J Sousa (Por) 7-6 (7-1) 6-2; G Barrere (F) bt 0 Otte (G) 7-6 (7-3) 7-5; EYmer (Swe) bt (8) A Mannarino (F) 7-5 6-0; B Bonzi (F) bt U Humbert (F) 6-2 2-6 6-1; (7) A Bublik (Kaz) bt E Furness (F) 5-7 6-4 7-6 (7-5); D Thiem (Aut) bt R Gasquet (F) 6-3 7-6 (7-3). 2nd rnd: S Korda (US) bt (3) L Musetti (It) 6-3 7-6 (8-6).

WTA HANA BANK KOREA OPEN (Seoul) - 1st rnd: (6) E Raducanu (GB) bt M Uchijima (Jpn) 6-2 6-4. 2nd rnd: V Jimenez Kasintseva (And) bt (8) R Marino (Can) 6-46-2; (7) T Maria (G) bt K Birrell (A) 6-0 6-3; (4) L Zhu (Chn) bt A Raina (Ind) 6-16-3.

### ■ TODAY'S ACTION

(7.45 unless stated) **UEFA NATIONS LEAGUE A - GROUP 1** Croatia v Denmark. Live on Premier Sports

France v Austria... LEAGUE A - GROUP 4

Belgium v Wales... Live on Premier Sports

Poland v Holland. LEAGUE C, Group 1: Lithuania v Faroe Islands, Turkey v Luxembourg. Group 3: Kazakhstan v Belarus (3.0, Live on Premier Sports), Slovakia v Azerbaijan. LEAGUE D. Group 1: Latvia v Moldova (5.0, Live on Premier Sports), Liechtenstein v Andorra.

### **UNDER 21 INTERNATIONAL**

Italy v England......(4.30) SPFL TRUST TROPHY - 3rd rnd: Morton v Ayr, Queen of South v FC Edinburgh.

CRICKET - Second T201: Pakistan v England (Karachi, 3.30pm).

GOLF - DP World Tour Cazoo Open de France (Le Golf National, Paris). Presidents Cup (Quail Hollow, North Carolina). KPMG Women's Irish Open (Dromoland Castle, Co. Clare).

ICE HOCKEY - Elite League: Glasgow v Sheffield (7.30).

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# **EXCLUSIVE** INTERVIE

# by Riath Al-Samarrai

Chief Sports Feature Writer

NE of the workers of a sporting miracle is recalling the madness of a simpler time. It's all there and clear in his memories, details of the absurd and

mundane in a comeback for the ages.
A decade ago this month? It could have been yesterday. And so Luke Donald is smiling his way through thoughts of an extraordinary weekend.

'I can't believe it's been so long,' he says. 'Even now it is nice to just sit and think about Medinah every so often.

That was always his style — a thinker more than a shouter, except for the time he wasn't, when he stood on a bench that Sunday night and belted out songs with champagne-soaked hair.

'It can make extroverts of anyone — that's the brilliance of the Ryder Cup,' he says, and isn't it just? But you do wonder about it all and that is why we are here, talking about one of sport's great gatherings and how much might now be changing. Or another way of putting it: what the bloody hell is happening to golf, up to and includ-

ing the astonishing events that reshaped the 44-year-old's career in the past two months?

Across a fascinating chat, Donald's first major newspaper interview since he replaced Henrik Stenson as the European captain for next October's match, he will return to the Miracle of Medinah, other wins of a perfect Ryder Cup

# 'The Ryder Cup is bigger than the LIV power struggle... it is about unity, history'

record and bonds that once seemed unbreakable. But first to the recent past and two phone calls, both made by Guy Kinnings, the director of Ryder Cup Europe. In their narrow way they tell the story of a vast asteroid named LIV.

'I remember the call to say Henrik had got the post,' Donald says. 'It would have been in March.

I suppose I was a little drawn into some social media and whispers I was hearing that it looked likely I would be given the position.

'I probably shouldn't have got dragged into that. When I heard, I was disappointed because I felt like I was perhaps the favourite to get it. And then, yeah, I didn't.'

He sighs. In regular circumstances, that would set a clock back by at least two years. But there is nothing normal about what has played out since Greg Norman fell down a bottomless well of Saudi Arabian money — in a game where many stars realised they have a price, for Stenson it

was around £40million. That led to a second call in July.

'I had just landed in Detroit to play a tournament when they reached me,' Donald says. 'After Henrik announced he was going to LIV, there was talk Thomas (Bjorn, 2018 winning captain) might take the role because of the shortened captaincy. Guy said it was mine if I wanted it and I was elated.

'It was pretty... not daunting... but you know, it's a big job, especially with everything going on right now. I'm not going to lie there's a lot going on in golf that no one has had to deal with before. But that's fine — every Ryder Cup captaincy has probably had its challenges. This is mine.'

Even for a man with no reputation for shooting from the hip, that is some understatement.

DONALD is discussing why the European captaincy is the job of dreams. He has had many special days in 21 years in the lone-wolf existence of a touring pro — world No 1 for 56 weeks, 17 wins worldwide, five top-fives in the majors. But it is no great wonder that he so

four Ryder Cup wins. He 'loves' the Cup, like most folk in his line of work do. It's the drama, of course, but it is also

often thinks of scenarios from his

that magnificent unknown of throwing 12 rivals in a room and seeing what

comes out. It's a volatile equation — one where there is no telling how talent will react to the gravity and confined spaces. Some, like Ian Poulter, will fly; others who are far greater become lesser versions of themselves — no further examples are necessary once you've mentioned Tiger Woods.

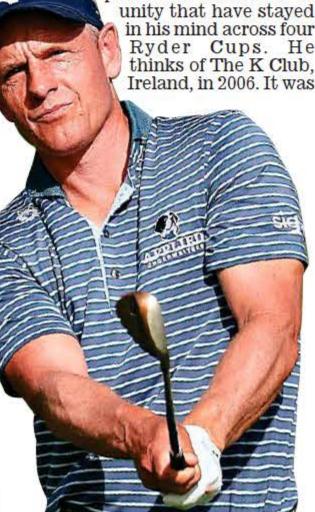
That towering American never seemed quite so comfortable when integrated with men he was conditioned to beat. For those like Donald, a holder of 10.5 points from a possible 15 in the Cup, including three from three against Woods, it was always the opposite. In his mind, the answer to such riddles is also the secret to who celebrates on the Sunday.

'I don't have many things on Tiger but that is a nice thing to have,' Donald says. 'I think Tiger, great as he was, probably didn't perform as well in a Ryder Cup standpoint. I think he was a little bit taken out of his element as someone so individually focused. Ryder Cups don't tend to be about that. It's about coming together in unity for something bigger than just yourself and that's why I've always loved it. It's

what makes it special." Over and again, Donald will go to this topic. To camaraderie. To the forging of precious bonds. We all know from recent explosions where

this thread of thought will lead,

but for now Donald is going over the innocuous and profound moments of unity that have stayed in his mind across four Ryder Cups. He thinks of The K Club, Ireland, in 2006. It was



his second Ryder Cup after his winning debut as one of Bernhard Langer's picks aged 26 in 2004.

Ian Woosnam had sent him out with Sergio Garcia, two men who excelled in one another's company in matches against the US, and the other side of the foursomes duel was Woods and Jim Furyk. 'It is funny some of the things that stick in your mind,' Donald says.

'I remember the 17th tee — water down the left, trees on the right. Sergio sees I'm really hesitant on what to hit and walks over. "You are a BMW". I'm like, "What?"

'He goes, "You are the ultimate driving machine — take driver", I laughed, take out the driver and hit the fairway, and next shot he tucks it right next to the hole and the game was over. It's silly but for me, the Ryder Cup is about those moments with people.'

It's why some of his favourite memorabilia pinned to his office wall at home in Florida are the flags signed by the whole team from those four Cup wins.

Donald goes to another moment with Garcia. Medinah, September 29, 2012, and again he is thinking about the 17th hole of a match against Woods, whom he had crushed 6&5 with Lee Westwood at Celtic Manor two years earlier. What came next in the 2012 match would shape into one of the lesserdiscussed turning points of a monumental victory, because at that stage Jose Maria Olazabal's Europe were trailing 10-4 halfway through

the Saturday afternoon four-balls. Ian Poulter surged into the headlines for a five-birdie rampage alongside Rory McIlroy in the other remaining match, but had Donald and Garcia failed to beat Woods and Steve Stricker, there surely would have been no miracle.

'When I think of Medinah, it is mostly about the whirlwind of going from despair to where it ended up,' Donald says. 'But from a personal standpoint on the course, I think of 17.

'Sergio and I had been four up at the turn. By the time we got to 17, it was down to one. They had come right back at us and Tiger is Tiger. It's a par three and Tiger hits to four feet. There's pressure.

'In that moment, your thoughts aren't really clear. You're just going on subconscious behaviours, but I put my seven iron to two feet and that allowed us to win on the next.

'With Rory and Poults winning, a potential 12-4 was 10-6. We were dead and then we weren't. Sharing that with Sergio and in the team room afterwards was special.

'That Sunday before the singles, seeing how each person was matched up, we were all like, "I feel like I'm able to take my guy". I'll never forget that underdog mentality, and the collective feeling as we started to believe.'

With Olazabal in need of a rapid start, he put Donald out first, even ahead of McIlroy, who had recently usurped him as world No 1.

Ten years on, Donald vividly recalls his match against Bubba Watson, lit up by the American's tee-box theatrics to rev up the crowd. Amid the frenzy, Donald



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# **DONALD BY NUMBERS** LUKE DONALD spent 56 weeks as world No1, more than any Englishman apart from Nick Faldo, who was top for 97 weeks. 3 DONALD, now 44, has played in 403 tournaments, with 17 wins — 12 on the PGA or European Tour. **BEST FINISH IN MAJORS MASTERS: T3** (2005) **US PGA: T3** (2006) **US OPEN: T8** (2013) THE OPEN: T5 (2009, 2012) Won the Ryder Cup on all four of his appearances 2004, 2006, 2010 and 2012. Won 10 of his 15 matches. PICTURE: ANDY **HOOPER** Cool hand Luke: Donald is staying calm amid golf's gathering storm

won 2&1, setting the tone for Europe to take 8.5 out of 12 points in the final session. With it they won a remarkable match by one.

'No one involved will forget,' says Donald. 'It was so special.'

He remembers being stood on a bench, singing as champagne sprayed all around. 'That is not something I do every week,' he adds. 'The Ryder Cup has always brought out the best in my game and made me more extrovert as a person — it is amazing what that event does to you. Nothing else is like it and that won't change.'

It's a point he is keen to make at this stage, when it might seem the golfing world has set itself on fire.

DONALD was always a quiet student of his captains, men as diverse as Langer, Woosnam, Colin Montgomerie and Olazabal. He made notes on them all. 'I wrote down a lot over the years of what I liked and didn't,' he says. 'I probably match up more with Bernhard. I'm detail orientated and I feel the guys can trust what I say. I'm a quieter leader, I suppose. I'm not quite the swashbuckling

Seve (Ballesteros) type. 'This is something I have worked towards a long time. I was making those notes from my first Ryder Cup. I didn't think I'd be a Ryder Cup captain at this stage of my career, but I was given a great opportunity and successful people take opportunities like that.

And yet there are no notes to cater for what has happened this year, which is to say three Americans and five Europeans from the 2021 match now play on the LIV circuit, including Garcia, who has become loathed in some quarters of the traditional faction. For his

TOTAL CAREER **EARNINGS** 

■ THAT'S the 24thhighest earnings of any man, with 18 of the 23 above him having won at least one major.

part, Garcia is desperate to play in Rome in 2023 and McIlroy, for one, says he wants none of them near the team, adding that formerly close relationships are almost non-existent these days.

It is toxic, far removed from the scenarios treasured by Donald. It is also a rising difficulty for him: depending on how a portion of the legal battles play out in February, rebels might be eligible for selection eight months out from Rome.

A more pressing burden comes from LIV's ongoing acquisition of talent — today's loyalist could be tomorrow's rebel, after all, and what does that mean for planning purposes? Donald has avoided wading too far into a powder-keg topic, with no sense to be had from backing himself into a corner.

In this conversation, he goes a little further, saying: 'There's certainly more fracturing in our sport than we've ever seen. Part of my job is to have 12 guys unified and wanting to come together next October.

'Hopefully, things will improve and we'll have a bit more clarity. But until then we'll just be doing the best we can, controlling what we can. It is enjoyable and stressful and I think going towards that stress is the only approach.'

Factoring in so many fevered voices from within a warring game, Donald even cracks a grin: 'Maybe we need a family quiz night.'

When asked if he felt any sympathy for former team-mates who went to LIV and who are now in the eye of an escalating storm, Donald says: 'I'm not sure sympathy is the right word. I think a lot of the guys knew if something like this happened there was a chance they couldn't play on the Cup or Tour. They took that chance because they had an amazing career, so I wouldn't say sympathy.'

He immediately adds: 'Something I want to get out of this (captaincy) is to have lasting relationships with the 12 guys and continue that. That is the sad thing when you talk about Rory and some of the relationships. I am sure he would have loved to continue those.'

Like many in the sport, Donald believes there will eventually be a need for an agreement of sorts between the traditional tours and their wealthier new rival.

'There is a little bit of a struggle for power right now and sometimes competition can be good. I think the top players will ultimately benefit from this and we are seeing that. But hopefully there can be some sort of a compromise, if that is the right word.'

It is at this stage that Donald takes the conversation back.

'The good thing is the Ryder Cup represents something bigger than all of this,' he says. 'It represents something different to what is going on right now — unity and coming together and cohesion. It's about playing for the good of your team-mates. It's why I am excited about this job. It is important to continue that history.'

That all sounds nice, of course. Not so rigidly guaranteed as it would have been prior to the asteroid, but nice. More than ever, golf just needs it to be right.

# Hammers' betting sponsor fined for advertising to kids

WEST HAM'S main sponsors Betway have been fined more than £400,000 for advertising on pages of the club's website targeted at children. **Enquiries by the Gambling** Commission uncovered that Betway's logo, which linked to the bookies' website, appeared on a section offering a chance to print a picture of a teddy bear for children to colour in. The logo was displayed between April 14, 2020, and November 6, 2021. It was also found on the Young Hammers at Home page between October 24, 2021, and November 15, 2021. **Both adverts breached** Gambling Commission rules requiring that all advertising must be socially responsible. The Commission's regulations also state that responsibility for where logos appear lies with betting companies, such as Betway, resulting in them receiving the £408,915 fine rather than West Ham. A West Ham spokesperson said:

## **By ADRIAN KAJUMBA**

web page on the West Ham United website containing content that was targeted at Under 18s. Upon identification, it was immediately removed. 'The club's new website, launched in March 2022, has robust systems in place to ensure a technical issue like this will not occur again.' Betway's sanction will provide further ammunition for those calling for a total ban on betting-related sponsorship in football. However, eight Premier League clubs have betting companies as sponsors on the their shirts, training kit or areas of their grounds. James Grimes, who fronts the Big Step campaign striving to rid football of gambling advertising, said: 'This shows again that the Government must end all gambling sponsorship in football. By continuing to promote gambling, clubs are risking the health and lives of young fans.'

# Sala pilot told pal plane was 'dodgy'

By LIZ HULL

THE pilot who flew Cardiff striker Emiliano Sala to his death told a friend the plane was 'dodgy' hours before the fatal crash.

'The Betway logo appeared on a

David Ibbotson said he had heard a 'bang' on his outward journey to France with the Argentine player, who had just become then Premier League side Cardiff City's record £15million signing from Nantes.

He also said: 'I'll be wearing my life jacket,' for the return leg.

Ibbotson, 59, a part-time pilot who didn't have a licence to carry paying passengers or fly in the dark, made the comments in a telephone call to friend Kevin Jones.

Audio of the call, obtained by the BBC, revealed he was worried about the 35-year-old Piper Malibu plane.

Mr Ibbotson said: 'They've entrusted me to pick him up in a dodgy Mirage. Normally I'd have my life jacket in between my seats but tomorrow I'll be wearing it, that's for sure.'

He claimed he heard a bang over the Channel as the pair flew to western France, on January 19, 2019, and also complained of 'very low mist' inside the aircraft.

'I'm flying along and then "boom", he said. 'I thought, "Bloody hell what's wrong?" So I put everything forward and checked my parameters, everything was good and it was still flying, but it got your attention.'

Mr Ibbotson, of Crowle, in North Lincolnshire, also realised the plane's left brake pedal wasn't working after he landed at Nantes and told Mr Jones: "This aircraft has got to go back in the hangar.'

He added prophetically: 'Might be your last chance to have a good old chat with me.'

Mr Ibbotson's conversation with Mr Jones was accidentally recorded and has been obtained by the BBC's Transfer: The Emiliano Sala Story podcast.

Cardiff City had offered Sala a commercial flight, via Paris, but he wanted more time to say goodbye to friends and team-mates in



Tragic: Cardiff striker Sala AFP

Nantes before returning to Wales for his first training session.

Instead Willie McKay, a football agent who helped broker the transfer, chartered the private flight via another pilot, David Henderson.

But former RAF officer Henderson was at his son's wedding and called in Mr Ibbotson instead.

The striker, 28, did not know Mr Ibbotson wasn't qualified to fly him and also expressed his fears about the aircraft in a voice note sent to his closest friends as the plane was taxiing on the runway at Nantes Atlantique Airport.

Sala told them: 'Man, I'm scared,' adding that the plane looked 'like it's falling apart. I don't know if someone will look for me because they won't find me'.

The plane lost radio contact and crashed in a storm around 8.15pm on January 21, an hour after take-off.

Air accident investigators found the plane also had a faulty tailpipe. Both men would have been affected by carbon monoxide poisoning before the plane hit the water at 270mph.

Sala's body was recovered from the wreckage, 223ft below the English Channel, two weeks after the crash. Mr Ibbotson's remains have never been found.

Henderson, 68, was jailed for 18 months in November for endangering the safety of an aircraft.

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Grealish hits back at legendary Sportsmail



ACK GREALISH believes that Graeme Souness has a 'problem' with him after the Liverpool legend criticised him again this week.

sportsmail columnist Souness condemned the Manchester City forward on talkSPORT on Tuesday, claiming he had not improved since making his record-breaking £100million move to the Etihad in 2021. In July, Souness said Grealish was 'not a quick learner'.

English football's most expensive player is preparing for England's Nations League visit to Italy tomorrow night, but the Scot's latest comments were not missed by the 27-year-old. 'I don't

# CITY'S GLOBAL EMPIRE GROWS TO 12 CLUBS

MANCHESTER CITY'S owners are set to expand their global stable of clubs to 12 with the purchase of Bahia in Brazil.

A deal to take over the second division club is at an advanced stage, with key meetings this week in a bid to ratify a deal. It would mark the City Football Group's third foray into South America. They have a stake in Uruguay's Montevideo City Torque and a partnership with Club Bolivar in Bolivia. Bahia's president attended City's Champions League home leg

**JACK GAUGHAN** 

know what his problem is with me. He always says stuff about me,' said the former Aston Villa star.

against Atletico Madrid in April.

'I try not to read a lot of it. It is difficult when he's on Sky Sports and it's everywhere around the training ground at times. He was obviously a great player and won a lot but I don't know what it is with what he says about me or what problem he's got.

'I know my own ability. I know before he used to say a lot of stuff about me not moving the ball quicker, but when I'm playing for a manager like Pep Guardiola and he's telling me to keep the ball as

Souness' problem with me?

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much as I can and have balls to take it everywhere, that's what I'll try to do.

'Obviously I am always going to have people (criticising) if I'm not playing well. I always watch my games back and I am very critical of myself. I know there were games, especially in the second half of last season, where I wasn't at my best at all. I'll always have people on the back of me but I've just got to try to go and perform.'

Asked if criticism about his

performances affects him mentally, Grealish added: 'There's not much you can do, really. It probably affects my family more than me. Nowadays, people have so much to say, whether that be on social media or pundits and stuff like that. I've had to learn to deal with it. If it was my mum or my dad. I'd listen a lot more.

'I'm not going to sit here and say, "Nothing ever affects me", because it does sometimes. I'm a 27-year-old kid so I've had to learn to deal with it.'

Meanwhile, Jordan Henderson, has revealed his dad is contemplating not travelling to the World Cup in November due to the shocking scenes that marred last season's Champions League final.

The Liverpool skipper's father Brian and his family were caught up in the trouble outside the Stade de France in June when thousands of fans were subjected to unprovoked attacks by gangs and tear-gassed by police, only to then be blamed by UEFA.

The disgraceful policing and organisation of European club football's showpiece game in Paris was the latest in a harrowing series of events for England players' families, who were also caught up in the violent scenes that overshadowed last summer's Euro 2020 final at Wembley.

Tottenham and England defender Eric Dier revealed on Tuesday that members of his family no longer attend matches due to the fear of verbal abuse.

Now Henderson has spoken of similar concerns from his family, saying: 'My dad said that after the Champions League final, that was him done.

'When it gets closer to it, there's a lot of security elements and things that are going on in Qatar that I'm sure will make people more safe. But when you've had those experiences, sometimes you think, "Is it worth risking it?" We will have to see closer to the time.

'If the fans weren't respectful in Paris, there could have been a lot more problems, so the fans were amazing. It was the authorities and the people around the stadium that weren't and were causing issues.

'I suppose as a fan, if you're going to the game and you don't feel comfortable and you feel threatened by whatever situation,

### you're not going to want to go again. It's as simple as that. 'My family and friends have had a couple of experiences over the last couple of years, which have really shocked them and probably put them off going to future games. READ HIS BRILLIANT, Hopefully that changes in the AGENDA-SETTING near future when it gets closer to the tournament. **COLUMN IN THE MAIL** 'But when you see scenes like you have in the Euros final and the Champions League final then they THIS SATURDAY don't want to put themselves in that situation again.' Bale fight for peak fitness

# McGinn sends Scots top

SCOTLAND had thrown everything at Ukraine feet, head and hearts and were just about to ask for kitchen sinks from the residents of Glasgow's south side when John McGinn's backside finally broke Ukrainian resistance. The Aston Villa midfielder admits he has the beefiest behind in football and the home captain duly used his rear to dump defender Valerii Bondar on his before lashing the opening goal on 70 minutes. Substitute Lyndon Dykes then headed a pair of late goals to add deserved gloss to the scoreline.

And what a relief that was for Steve Clarke, whose side move to the top of their Nations League group with two to play. Remain at the summit and they



**CRAIG HOPE** at Hampden Park

guarantee a play-off spot for Euro 2024 as well earning second seed in the qualifying draw. There are also potential implications for the 2026 World Cup. This, then, had plenty riding on it. Not that the evening went to plan for the opening

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Not that the evening went to plan for the opening hour or so. Even in foresight the decision to hold a minute's applause for Queen Elizabeth II prior to kick-off felt risky, and so it proved. While large numbers were respectful, there was audible booing

throughout. It was not a minority and, given such division among the home fanbase, the game started amid a muted atmosphere. The mood inside this usually raucous stadium took another hit when, on 26 minutes, Everton right back Nathan Patterson was carried off with what looked a serious knee injury. But injustice has a habit of stirring the masses and, after Che Adams was taken out by Bondar with a block to make even an NFL linebacker wince, the Scots cried foul when the punishment was just yellow. It rallied those on the field, too and, after a flurry of openings were either saved

or hit the woodwork,

McGinn's rump intervened

to set up a sizzling finale.

though he has yet to complete 90 minutes for his new club. Bale (below) joined Los Angeles FC in the summer when his deal at Real Madrid expired and he has two goals in 11 MLS appearances so far. The 33-year-old said: 'Any player will tell you, playing games and being fully fit, matchfit, is the most important thing and makes you feel better, sharper on the pitch. 'I think I'll be a lot

fitter when the

World Cup

**GARETH BALE has vowed to** 

hit peak fitness for Wales's

World Cup bid even

# By TOM COLLOMOSSE

starts. I haven't played 90 minutes yet, which is what I'm building up to. 'We're on a good path to where I want to be. Of course I want to play 90 minutes as much as I can but I understand I need to build up to that'. Meanwhile, boss Rob Page admits he is 'dreading' naming his final World Cup squad as Wales put the finishing touches to their preparations.

finishing touches to their preparations. The 32 national-team managers must name their 26-man parties by November 13 and Page will be looking for some late indications in his side's forthcoming Nations League fixtures, against Belgium tonight and at home to Poland on Sunday.

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Jury's out: Grealish's form at City

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Wales have reached only the second World Cup in their history and Page has a squad that largely picks itself, though there will still be an anxious wait for some of those on the fringes.

'You're not going to please everybody,' admitted Page. 'That's the hard part of the job. We've got a great group. They know it'll be nothing personal when I have to make those decisions, but it is difficult keeping them all happy.'

Football 85 Daily Mail, Thursday, September 22, 2022

# Worried clubs eye early kick-offs FA to axe replays for some teams

THE question of earlier kick-off times as a possible solution to soaring costs will be back on the agenda when EFL clubs meet next week. Discussions have already taken place on potential responses amid the cost-ofliving crisis and gathered some force yesterday when a survey of clubs revealed broad support for the idea. More than 60 per cent of 40 clubs asked by Fair Game, including a dozen from the EFL, said they would consider moving kick-off times for Saturday league games and FA Cup ties in an attempt to reduce their bills.

## By MATT BARLOW

including for lighting and heating. Cost of floodlighting is currently up 200 per cent. Fair Game are a club-led campaign group set up to address football governance and the financial health of the game throughout the English football pyramid, working with 34 clubs in the EFL and non-League. Moving kick-off times is not a straightforward decision, as the EFL discovered during their initial talks on the issue at board level because potential costs

saved are likely to be offset by lower attendances. Higher up the pyramid, where the crowds are larger, this will also mean disruption for a greater number of people and a midday kickoff could entail the added expense of overnight travel for away teams. In practice, it could be clubs below the EFL in the pyramid where savings can be maximised by earlier kick-off times. Sixty per cent of clubs asked also told Fair Game they were considering halting any ground improvements, while 40 per cent may look to cut their non-playing staff budget. CERTAIN FA Cup replays in the third and fourth rounds are set to be scrapped to ease fixture congestion caused by postponements following the death of the Queen. The FA are determined to retain replays where possible and will address the issue on a case-by-case basis. Replays provide around 20 per cent of the competition's £1billion TV deal each season, so the governing body are

eager to keep them. Rather than abolishing replays, the FA will make decisions on individual ties after the third-round draw in December, with those involving teams playing in Europe likely to be restricted to one-off matches. Manchester United, Liverpool and Chelsea had two matches postponed, while Arsenal, Tottenham, Manchester City and West Ham had one called off.

There is significant determination, however, to retain replays in future despite the **Premier League's** desire to drop them altogether when the Champions League is expanded in 2024. ■ PREMIER LEAGUE clubs yesterday agreed on a minimum one-year ban for fans who take part in anti-social or criminal behaviour inside stadiums.

**MATT HUGHES** 



NLY a half-dozen countries can win the World Cup this year, and England are one of them. But do you still trust them to perform?

The 4-0 home defeat by Hungary in June was the first time that England fans have turned on Gareth Southgate, with boos ringing out at Molineux and chants of 'you're getting sacked in

the morning'.

After that humiliation, Southgate will know he needs a performance — you can't go into a World Cup having lost 4-0 to Hungary, then defeated by Italy and Germany with two flat performances. We often get carried away heading into World Cups but I don't think anyone's going to be feeling optimistic if the performances aren't there in the next four days.

Can it get much lower than Hungary? Well, if we aren't up to it against Italy and Germany then we might be about to find out.

There were people who lost faith for the first time after June's matches, but let's get one thing straight: for all the negativity around Southgate after Hungary, this is a man who not so long ago took us to a Euros final and a World Cup semi-final. You can't win as England manager — you beat Germany 2-0 at a Euros and hear, 'It's a poor Germany team'.

You get to a World Cup semifinal and 'they had an easy draw'. This is a guy who has achieved really great things for England, he hasn't quite got over the line but we can't judge him just on what happened in June. We were a penalty shootout against Italy away from calling Southgate an absolute genius and the best manager since Sir Alf Ramsey.

The biggest issue for him is that with two months to go until Qatar, we're all still so uncertain about who the best 11 players are and what the best

formation is. How many players **ENGLAND** can you say confidently are nailed down for a starting spot? Southgate loves Jordan Pickford, Harry Kane is nailed down, Declan Rice is nailed down, Raheem

Sterling too. But other than that? He loves Mason Mount, but there have to be questions over the Chelsea man's position in the team with his performances this season, and with so much talent going forward he can't rest on his laurels.

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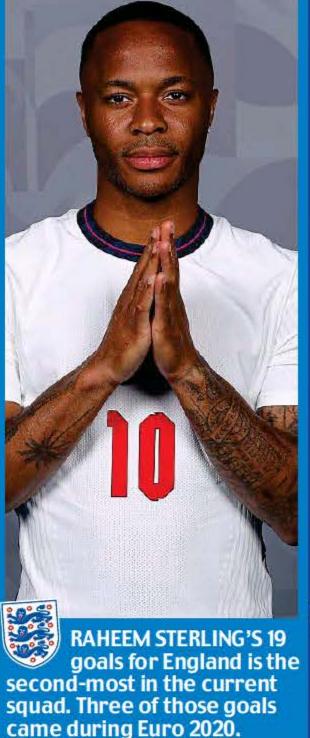
These two games against Italy



He has made the most in the



midfielder in the squad.





# Only FOUR England players are nailed on to start against Iran!

and Germany are really important for us all to feel the faith again in Southgate. The way they play in Milan tomorrow night and at Wembley on Monday is more important than the results. It's about demonstrating flow, a style of play where we all have confidence in this England team.

It's about stripping things back — does three at the back actually work in terms of us getting the ball into Kane and Sterling? Are there partnerships, combinations and patterns of play forming? There has to be something there in these games where we're all sitting there thinking, 'Wow, it looks like it's going to click', and the confidence will run from there.

England have struggled for goals recently, scoring only once in their four Nations League games in June, but lack of good attacking performances is a bigger worry.

There are so many options in wide areas and Southgate's probably confused himself as much as anything. It's really difficult for him with so few players in form.

There's a lack of continuity, playing with different front lines and personnel. The one constant is going to be Kane and then you need players around him to suit his style of play. Sterling will be a certain starter, whether it's 3-5-2, 3-4-3 or 4-2-3-1. We know Kane likes to drop deep and find runners in behind, and Sterling can do that. It's really interesting

when you think of the options we have going forward, and no surprise that Southgate can't land on a set starting XI. Mount has played various roles for England, Phil Foden has had a good start to the season at Manchester City, Foden's team-mate Jack Grealish has been OK, and Bukayo Saka's been excellent at Arsenal. Of all the options, Saka seems the one on current form who deserves an opportunity to start.

It's a big week for Mount and Jarrod Bowen, with the likes of James Maddison, Marcus Rashford and Jadon Sancho all in far superior club form but not in this squad. Southgate always seems to find a place for Mount in his team but he's not daft, he knows that it all comes down to winning the World Cup. As an England fan I'd like to know more of the starting XI by now, but with so many players out of form or injured it's created a massive

conundrum for Southgate. While I do think we're one of the teams that can lift the World Cup in Qatar, I still rank France, Spain, Brazil and Argentina ahead of us. But if it does click, and it's a big if with England at the moment, we have players capable of hurting anyone. Based on recent performances you wouldn't expect that to happen, so we need to turn that around — starting this week against formidable opposition. CHRIS SUTTON'S XI TO FACE ITALY (3-4-1-2): Ramsdale; Walker, Tomori, Stones; James, Rice, Bellingham, Chilwell; Foden; Kane, Sterling.

# FA haven't gone far enough to tackle evils of this World Cup

Human rights groups unimpressed ... and England stars seem uneasy



by **SAMI** MOKBEL Chief Football

HE FA have been accused of not taking a strong enough stance against the inhumanity that has overshadowed the build-up to the World Cup.

English football's governing body made their long-awaited statement yesterday in relation to the human rights atrocities that have taken place in Qatar ahead of the tournament.

The FA vowed to lobby FIFA over labour protection laws after the abuse of migrant workers, and confirmed captain Harry Kane would wear a 'One Love' armband during the tournament, which is significant because homosexuality is illegal in Qatar.

However, the steps received a tepid reception from supporters and human rights groups with Stonewall and Amnesty International indicating the FA had fallen short.

Sportsmail has also learned there is a sense among a number of senior England players that the FA have not done enough to protect them from criticism.

FA chief executive Mark Bullingham defended the statement last night, insisting suggestions they have not been hard enough was unfair.

The FA called for any worker injury or death on construction projects linked to the World

Cup to be compensated and said they will push for a Migrant Workers' Centre to be created in Qatar. They also vowed to meet migrant workers at their training base in Qatar. With regard to the One Love armband, Kane

will join the captains of the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and Wales in the antidiscrimination gesture, starting with tomorrow's



Endangered: a construction worker at Qatar's Lusail Stadium PA

Nations League match against Italy in Milan. The 'One Love' campaign was originally the idea of the Dutch but has been adopted by fellow European nations.

Kane said: 'I am honoured to join my fellow captains in supporting the important One Love campaign. We may all be competing against each other but we stand together against all forms of discrimination.

'This is even more relevant at a time when division is common in society. Wearing the armband together will send a clear message when the world is watching.'

However, there was no collective statement from the players or manager Gareth Southgate (left). The latter is likely to address the issue today.

Amnesty International welcomed the FA statement but felt they could have taken a firmer stance. Felix Jakens, from Amnesty UK, said: 'It's obviously welcome the FA is actively seeking

to promote inclusion and anti-discrimination, and

it's important this is extended to the World Cup. But the FA now needs to specifically

support a FIFA compensation fund for abused workers and the families of those who have died to make the World Cup happen.'

Liz Ward, director of programmes at Stonewall, said: 'We must remember Qatar is a country where LGBTQ+ people are persecuted simply for being themselves. Sadly, this year's tournament is not safe for everyone, which is why it's so important to see Harry Kane pledging to wear an anti-discrimination armband — even though the Rainbow itself is still banned.

'The global sporting community needs to call out the criminalisation and persecution of LGBTQ+ people in Qatar. It will take more than armbands to end discrimination, but these are positive steps from the FA.

Sources have also indicated England players feel they have been publicly criticised for issues that do not fall under their remit.

'It's not the players' fault the World Cup is in Qatar, but they are the ones taking all the flak," said an insider. 'If a player said he was withdrawing from the tournament, the FA would just replace him. They can't win.'

Asked about the underwhelming response to the FA's statement, Bullingham said: 'I'm not sure I see that as fair. We think what we announced reflects the needs of what we've been asked to do.'



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the European nations, have taken positive action against the Qatar World Cup?

By stopping it? Actually saving lives by preventing it happening? Well, yes, there was that. Had the major footballing nations joined together soon after December 2, 2010, when FIFA made the corrupt decision to send their marquee tournament to the Gulf and heaven knows how many migrant workers to their deaths, an international boycott of the tournament might have changed that.

Had these nations combined when the decision was made to switch the timing of the tournament from summer to winter meaning this was now a World Cup that nobody actually supported in a ballot — a re-vote could have been forced.

And had they stood firmly together at any stage over the last 11 years when the steady drip of corruption allegations were published and broadcast, their protests could have mattered and had an impact.

A pariah World Cup without the leading European players would have lost commercial and broadcaster support instantly. It would have threatened FIFA financially and we know that organisation is all about the money.

Had Europe stood against it, maybe taken some of South or North America along with them, FIFA would have been isolated and would have had to rethink. They didn't because the European leagues are as in hock to Qatar through their broadcast contracts as anybody.

So it's armbands instead. Fair enough. Who doesn't love a good armband? In lieu of a genuine

word of yesterday's statement belonged to England manager Gareth Southgate, either this is what the FA and their European counterparts will now do. They'll armband the bullies into submission. That'll show them.

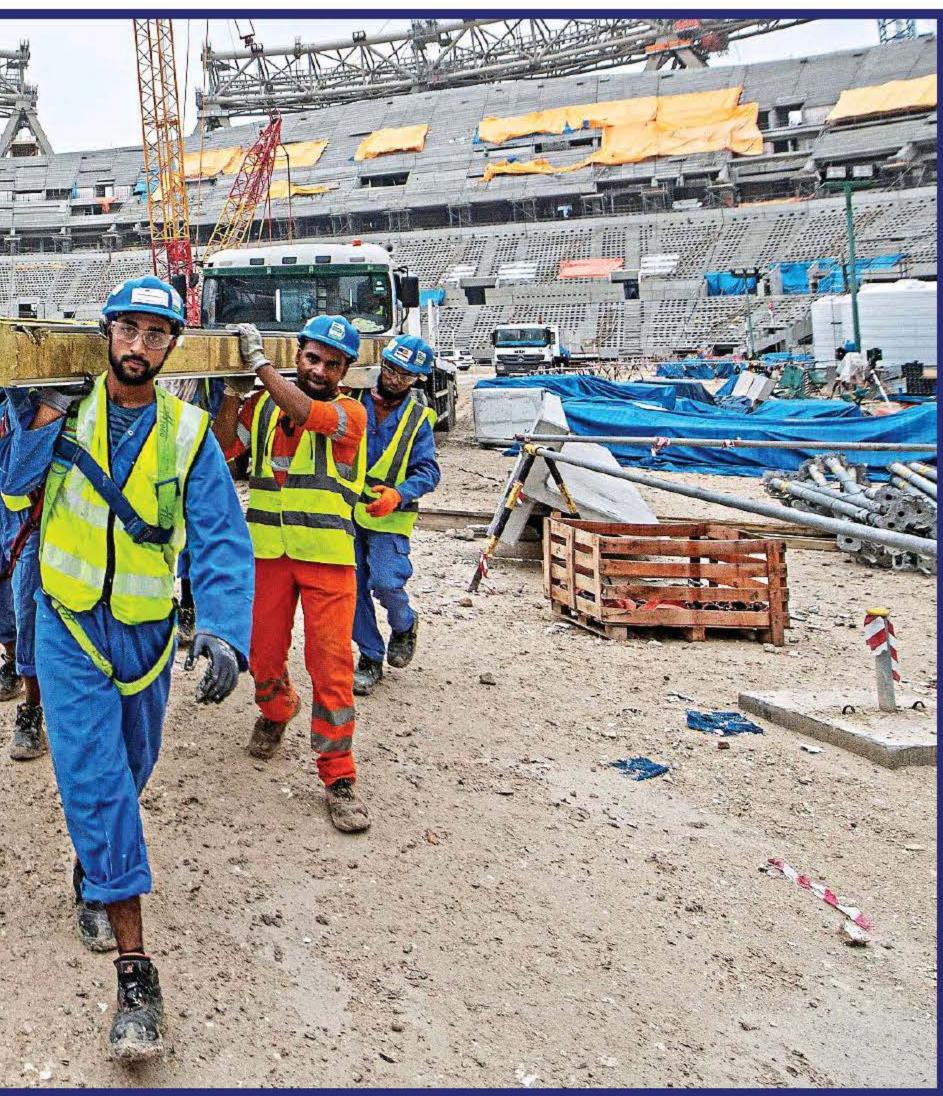
The FA consulted with 'numerous human rights organisations, trade unions and NGOs' and this is what they came up with, apparently. Armbands. Nelson Mandela and the African National Congress certainly missed a trick there, not to mention Ukraine. Think how many of the world's conflicts could be resolved if only people recognised the power and authority of the armband.

Some will argue that anything would be better than the words emanating from the England camp yesterday, but it's worse than that. Nothing would. Literally nothing. If England had said nothing, gone to Qatar, played their football and come home again, we could at least have interpreted it that they were there for the sport, to win, and the politics and human rights issues were of no concern.

This might be considered shallow, even appalling, but at least it would be sincere. They are footballers after all, not politicians. This is a greater insult. This is England and the FA embracing politics but not at a time, or in any way, that matters. It's a PR exercise. It's branding. It's making sure the optics look right.

What it certainly isn't is a stance that will resonate or will affect change. It's too late for that. A decade has passed in which an organised, concerted protest might have addressed the many issues around Qatar

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# **NUMBERS BEHIND THE SHAMEFUL ABUSE**

THE number of migrant labourers from South Asia to have died in Qatar since 2011.

RESEARCH by Amnesty International found /Uaround 70 per cent of the deaths were unexplained. Many Khalifa Stadium, which was worked were put down to 'natural causes'.

ENGLAND'S opening game against Iran will be played at the on by 3,200 workers every day.

THE Business and Human Rights Resource Centre estimate 24,400 workers have suffered human rights abuses in Qatar.



Inhumane conditions: (left) workmen at Doha's Lusail Stadium, which will host the World Cup final in December and (above) migrant workers sleeping on the pavement in Oatar's capital **GETTY IMAGES** 

# England's mealy-mouthed, empty platitudes are an insult. This is a PR exercise

2022. Nothing happened. Now, long past the point of no return, England and the European nations want to try on a conscience to see if it brings a smile.

Nothing can be done about Qatar now and the hosts know it. In the long lead-up to this tournament, Qatar took great care to exude compromise and welcome. There were encouraging noises about the relaxation of rules, about meetings of East and West, about a more liberal approach conducive to the arrival of so many guests. In recent weeks, that's changed. The sale of beer will be strictly limited to certain times of the day, respect must be paid to local laws regarding homosexuality and public order.

'We are a relatively conservative society - public displays of affection are not a part of our culture,' a spokesperson said. 'We believe in mutual respect and so, while everyone is welcome, what we expect in return is for everyone to respect our culture and traditions.

And not hold hands. Couched in politeness, is a coded flexing of muscles. It is too late for the World Cup to be removed from Qatar now, and the hosts know it. So now the world has to play ball with them, not the other way around.

F YOU want a firm date when all protest — whether real or in mighty armband form became redundant, it was August 11 this year when FIFA changed their schedule to give Qatar the opening game. Hosts have had the honour of leading off the World Cup since Germany v Costa Rica in 2006. Yet the first game in Qatar was scheduled as the Netherlands against Senegal, with Qatar playing later the same day.

Maybe FIFA felt the hosts' encounter with Ecuador wasn't eye-catching enough for the global audience. Crucially, that altered mid-August. Suddenly, Qatar and Ecuador were playing Sunday November 20, the rest of the tournament unfolding from the next day. That was when Qatar's clout became obvious. They were no longer dancing to FIFA's tune. This was their World Cup, and they were owning it.

So the armbands and the well-intended statements are meaningless, too. England's captain will be adorned in colours promoting inclusion and sending

a message against discrimination

of any kind? Big deal. These aren't even specific issues at the Qatar World Cup. Workers dying in searing heat, in slave labour conditions, for menial pay. That's the problem. You got a colour for that? What colour represents the 12-hour shifts for £1 an hour being worked by foreign labour near to England's team hotel in Al Wakrah?

One worker told *The Guardian* his shift was 30 days in a month 'and if I take a day off, they cut my salary'. Has Harry Kane got an armband covering this, or is it just for vague, woolly concepts like inclusion or anti-discrimination?

Agents control the migrant labour market, charging fees of up to £1,360 for a job in Qatar. At the hourly rate, it takes more than 113 days just to pay that fee. Many workers also find the salary promised is not what is delivered. So quit. Changes to Qatari employment law mean workers are now free to leave — and the FA even referenced the country's 'progressive legislation', toadying

to the hosts while posturing as if standing against them — but that is not how it works in practice.

'The company won't give us permission to leave,' said one worker. 'They tell us we have to cancel our visas, go home and then apply for another job.' Good heavens, don't they know about the armbands?

There is barely a newspaper in the West that hasn't investigated, and documented, the plight of migrant workers in Qatar since FIFA's decision in 2010. If the FA wished to take a stand, years, entire regimes, have since passed.

When Qatar got the World Cup, Manchester City were still two seasons away from their first title of the modern era; Fabio Capello was England manager while Roy Hodgson was at Liverpool; the winners of the League Cup that season were Birmingham City; Brighton, Southampton, Brentford and Bournemouth were all third-tier clubs; Gary Neville was still playing; Harry Kane hadn't made his debut for Tottenham, or even gone on his first loan to Leyton Orient.

That is the time elapsed. The time when the FA, and England, could have spoken out, or taken the lead. Imagine if just a handful of the armband wearers of Europe England, the Netherlands, Belgium, France and Germany had rejected the idea of playing in Qatar. What a message that would have sent.

Instead, it was revealed yesterday, migrant workers will be invited to England's training base and given the chance to 'engage' with the players. Their time on the playing fields of Al Wakrah may be docked from their £1 an hour at a later date, but no doubt there's an armband for that, too.

The time to stop the World Cup – and save lives – was in 2010 when FIFA made their corrupt decision



As England take a deeply underwhelming stance on World Cup hosts' human rights abuses, a despairing MARTIN SAMUEL asks

# Is the plan to armband Qatar's bullies and bigots into submission?



THERE is an armband. Of course there's an armband. There's always an armband.

And a statement. Of course there's a statement. There's always a statement. A mealy-mouthed word jumble concocted to sound like real protest and activity, while in reality signifying less than nothing.

Yet beyond these empty platitudes, these woven gestures, what more could the Football Association and England have done? How could they, or any of



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# Troubled owners fail to repay Worcester icon's £500k loan

WORCESTER'S beleaguered owners borrowed £500,000 from club legend Cecil **Duckworth during his 'dying** days' and failed to pay it back, Sportsmail can reveal. Colin Goldring and Jason Whittingham are under pressure from the RFU over their mishandling of Worcester's finances, which has left the club £30million in debt and on the

### **EXCLUSIVE** By CHRIS FOY

brink of collapse. Now it can be disclosed they accepted financial support in 2018 from Duckworth, who had cancer when he loaned the money to Goldring and Whittingham. He died in 2020 at the age of 83.

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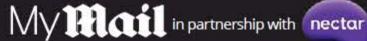
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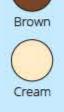
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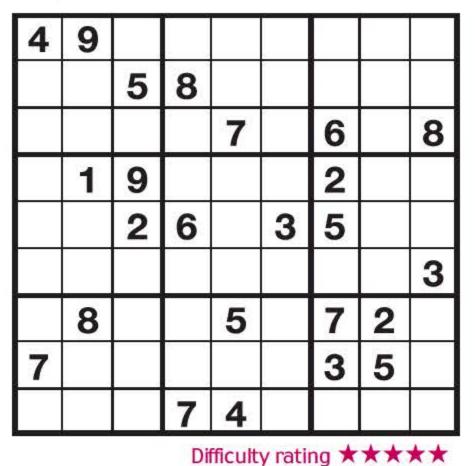
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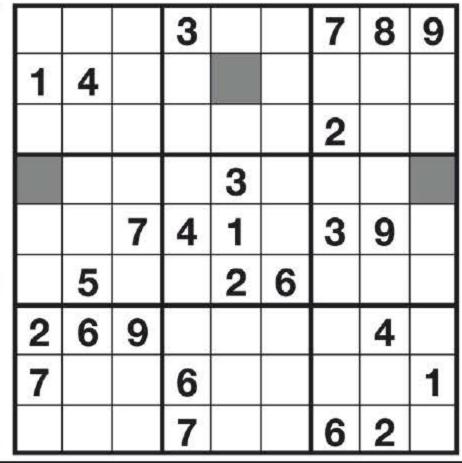
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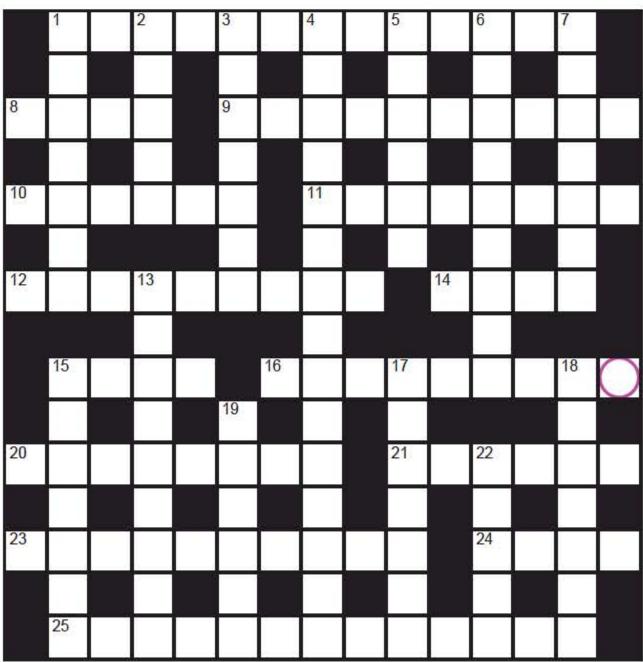
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## **ACROSS**

- 1 Window type with two layers of glass, designed to reduce loss of heat and to exclude noise (6,7)
- 8 An aromatic herb whose leaves have a strong, fresh smell (4)
- 9 Of written notes, very lengthy and detailed (10)
- 10 Queen Anne was the last British monarch in this royal house (6)
   11 Those who write
- mournful works, especially poems, lamenting the dead (8) 12 The part of a theatre
- typically in front of a stage where instrumental musicians play (9)
- 14 A tribe of families subject to a single chieftain (4)
- 15 A pile of combustible material for burning a dead body (4)
- 16 Town in Greater
  Manchester that
  was once the centre
  of the country's
  hatting industry (9)
- 20 Volcanic peak in Ecuador noted for a major eruption in 1903 (8)
- 21 To try to influence by underhand or
- unfair means (6)
  23 1976 film starring Robert
  De Niro as Travis Bickle
- in the title role (4,6) 24 The back of a person's neck (4)

irrational fear of

confined spaces (13)

25 One who has an

### **DOWN**

- 1 A person continually moving from place to place without a fixed home or job (7)
- 2 A running race that is longer than a marathon (5)
- 3 Members of a group of religious functionaries in ancient Israel (7)
- 4 A sturdy, muscular dog of medium size whose name derives from the colour of its waxy coat (6,9)
- 5 A small coastal bay (6)
  6 Satirist who has been a team captain on Have I Got News For You since it began in 1990 (3,6)
- 7 An excessively greedy eater (7)
- 13 A small, rectangular wind instrument that is held against the lips and moved from side to side (9)
- 15 Lacking imagination
- or originality (7) 17 A witch's spell (7)
- 18 A deterioration in someone's state of health after a temporary improvement (7)
- 19 Emmylou, U.S. singersongwriter inducted into the Country Music Hall Of Fame in 2008 (6)
- 22 Kelly's Eye is the nickname for the number one in this indoor game (5)

### SOLUTION TOMORROW

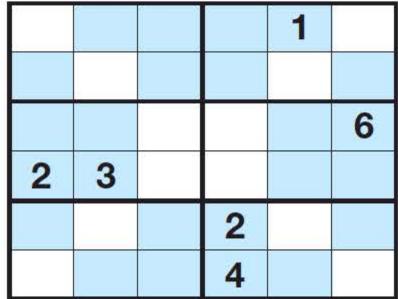
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YOU have ten minutes to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each word must use the hub letter and at least three others, and letters may be used only once. You can't

use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns. Verbs ending in 's' permitted. Clue for today's nine-letter word: Concentrated on mixed tennis I have cut short. RATING: 15 words, average; 20, good; 25, very good; 30 or more, excellent. **SOLUTION TOMORROW** 

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# **SUDOKU X**



PUT 1-6 once in each row, column, diagonal (highlighted to form an X) and horizontal 3x2 box (ruled). **SOLUTION TOMORROW** 

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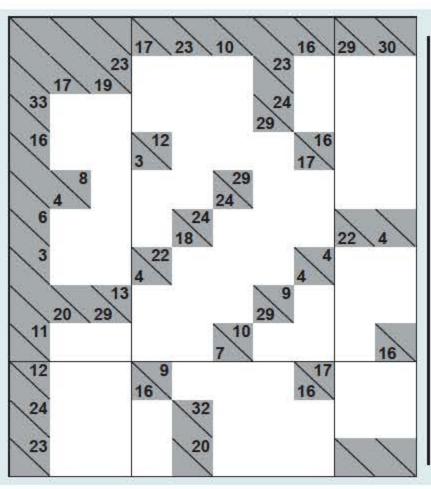
### HONEYCOMB ALL the solutions read clockwise around their numbers. The solution to clue number 1 starts from the given letter.

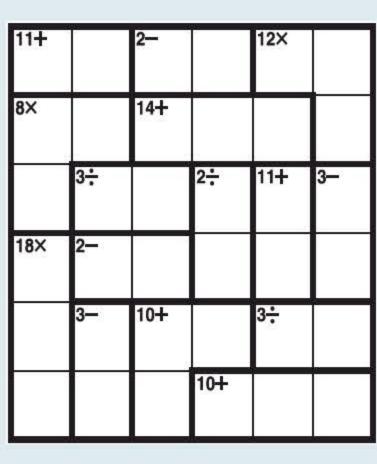
- 1. Load
- Growl
- 3. Decadent
- 4. Tradition
- 5. Reason
- 6. Prey
- 7. Centre 8. Put off track
- 9. Salt
- 10. Hands on hips
- 11. Item
- 12. Hydrocarbon

**SOLUTION: PULLOUT BACK PAGE** 

# KAKURO

FILL in the blank squares of the grid using only the numbers 1 to 9, without repeating any number in any line of blank squares. The lines must be filled in with numbers which add up to the total in the shaded box at the top or beginning of each line. A number in the bottom half of a shaded box gives a downwards total; in the top half, it's a horizontal total. SOLUTION TOMORROW





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1. Of which country is Coimbra a former capital?

2. Which poet laureate

wrote The Life Of Nelson? 3. In botany, which process is

regulated by the stomata?

- 4. Which opera singer was posthumously honoured with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles last month?
- 5. Which Old Testament Jewish leader directed the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem in the 5th century BC?

B

6. Which constellation contains Tycho's supernova remnant?

### **SOLUTION: PULLOUT BACK PAGE**

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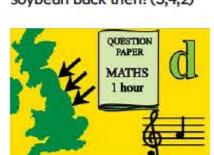
la. Seasonal fogs for eccentric aunts at a summit (6,5)



18a. An unappetising grey soybean back then! (5,4,2)



to go to sleep? (4,3)



11

16

18

4d. Hot, dry seats discovered



for the nobility (11)

6d. Southwest town,

Picture Clue

ACROSS

intriguingly down on sin? (7)

5 Ten is the setting for

7 Ban that effects a

9 Picture Clue

boot repair? (5)

11 Have something of a

nervous breakdown (3)

the inside picture (5)

# in briefest light period (8,3) 8d. Priest returns to

12 Fish eggs responsible

gastroenteritis (3)

16 Incorporate a queen,

that's been cut (5)

17 Levied the end product

by the end (5)

for a bit of

13 Picture Clue

18 Picture Clue

unlikely boxer for Remus' rabbit foe (4.3)

# DOWN

13

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exciting puzzle where

solutions to the visual

**SOLUTION TOMORROW** 

clues fit into the shaded

some of the answers

are in pictures! The

spaces on the grid.

1 Picture Que 2 If Tom could find

a way to a theme (5) 3 Engine for team

leader in the backroom (5) 4 Picture Que

### 6 Picture Clue 8 Picture Clue

10 Poetic piece said to be due (3)

12

14 Finally, one along the lines of a 3D system (1,4)

15 Shaken duo to perform better! (5)

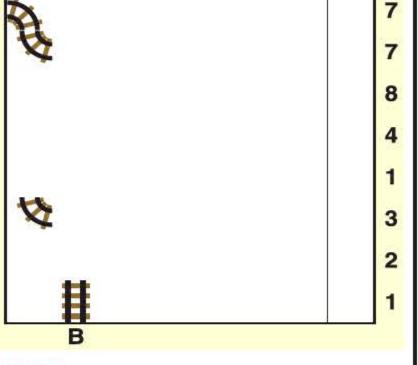
### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION — ACROSS: 1 A cappella. 5 Hen. 6 Too. 7 Keyed up. 10 Eel. 11 Offices. 12 Lip. 13 Eyewash. 16 Irk. 17 Eve. 18 Dandified. DOWN: 1 Antelope. 2 Amok. 3 Ease. 4 All-purpose. 5 Home-brewed. 8 Edits. 9 Disliked. 14 Weed. 15 Hi-fi.

### 7 6 4 LAY tracks to enable the

TRAIN TRACKS

train to travel from village A to village B. The numbers indicate how many sections of rail go in each row and column. inere are only straight rails and curved rails. The track cannot cross itself.

SOLUTION TOMORROW



# **MINDBENDER**

1. If Walter gave Mike five stamps, they would have the same amount each. But if Mike gave Walter five stamps, then Walter would have twice as many stamps as Mike. How many stamps do Walter and Mike have collectively?

2. What connects van. amen and char?

**KILLER** 

- 3. Which pin-up girl might cause UNREAL RANT?
- 4. Which is the odd one out: Lyon, Poitiers, Marseille, Nice?
- Rearrange the letter groups to make four fish: BEL TEB GSH ELF BAR ISH BAS ANG AIT KIN WHI ARK.

SOLUTION: PULLOUT BACK PAGE

# MAILWORD

- single
- 14 Smells
- 18 Magical
- snowman
- 29 Trophy
- bed

# **NEW**

### ACROSS

- 1 Cook 5 Scheme
- 9 Find by feeling
- 10 Roy Orbison
- 11 Beginning
- 12 Dubious 13 Gained
- 16 Heave 17 Red wine
- formula 20 Phantom 24 Abominable
- 26 Asian dressing 27 Clergyman
- 30 Dry river
- 31 Entertain

## 33 --- Heiden, former speed

- skater 34 Scorches
- 35 Rackets 36 Spheres

### DOWN

- 1 Flinch
- 2 Take selfishly 3 New Testament
- letters 4 Garden divider
- 5 Platform 6 Remaining 7 Fools
- 8 Your, historically
- 9 Band 11 Birds of prey 15 Contrive

19 Song words

21 Academy

Awards

23 Print 25 Chest and abdomen

# 10 12 24 29 27 28 34 36

- 22 Spirits
- 27 Airborne soldier 28 Mine shaft 30 Spider's trap
- SOLUTION TOMORROW

32 Chatter

# 1. What is the capital of

- the Republic of the Congo?
- 2. Which planet was discovered by William Herschel in 1781?
- 3. Sold at auction in August for £650,000, what colour was the Ford Escort RS Turbo driven by Diana, Princess of Wales in the 1980s?
- 4. Which Emmerdale character is played by the actor Chris Chittell?
- 5. What type of creature is a rhea?

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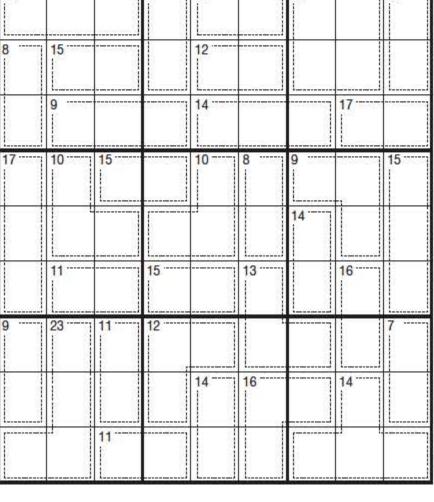
### SUDOKU FILL in squares in the grid so each row, column and each 3x3 square contains all digits from 1 to 9. Each set of cells joined by dotted lines must add up to the number in the top-left

each set of cells. SOLUTION TOMORROW

corner. Numbers can't

be repeated within

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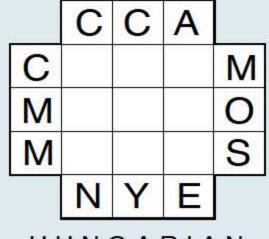


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# KENKEN

**EACH** row and column should contain 1 to 6 without repeats. Numbers in cages must combine to produce the target number shown at start of that cage using, in any order, the mathematical sign given. Singlebox cages can be filled with the number given.

SOLUTION TOMORROW



# NINE TO FIVE

FIT the scrambled letters of the given word into the grid to form six five-letter words across and down.

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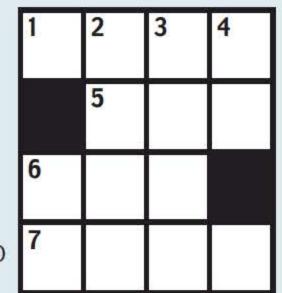
### ACROSS

- Speak in a surly manner (4)
- 5. Silvery-grey colour (3)
- 6. Commendation for bravery (abbr) (3)
- 7. Hiding place (collog) (4)

### DOWN

- 2. Cobra genus (4)
- 3. Piedmont wine town (4)
- 4. Blood factor (abbr) (2)
- 6. (Chem) symbol: chlorine (2)

**SOLUTION TOMORROW** 



# **CROSS NUMBER**



Today's challenge time: Your working time:

9 mins 6 secs mins secs

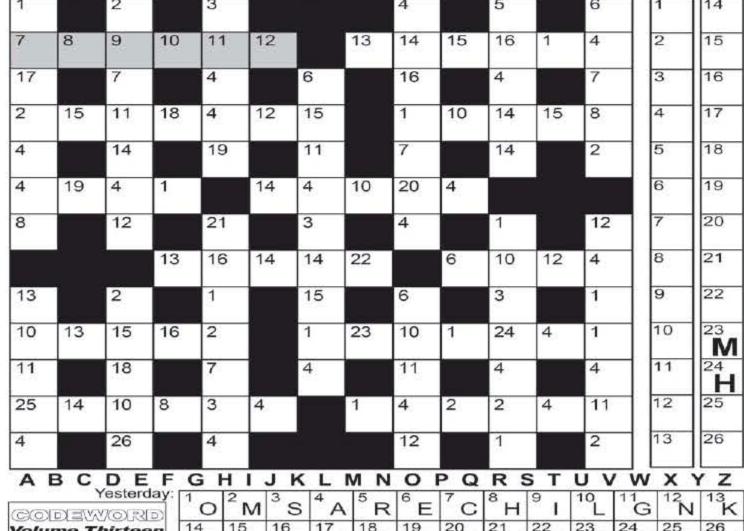
FILL each square with a number, 1 to 9. Horizontal squares add up to totals on right. Vertical squares add up to totals on bottom. Diagonal squares through centre add up to totals in top and bottom right.

SOLUTION TOMORROW

# CODEWORD

EACH number in our Codeword grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. Today 23 represents M, so fill in M every time the figure 23 appears. You have two letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares. **SOLUTION TOMORROW** 

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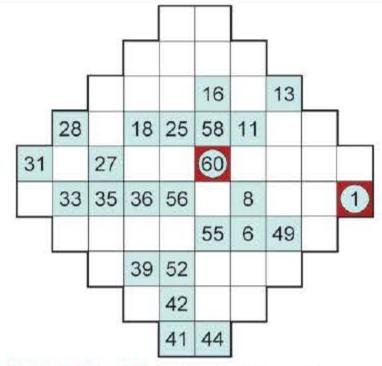
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THE listed words can all be found in the grid — running forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonally — EXCEPT ONE. For a chance to win, discover which word from the list can't be found in the Word Search.

GÄVLE GOTHENBURG JÖNKÖPING LUND MALMÖ ÖREBRO STOCKHOLM UMEÅ UPPSALA VÄSTERÅS

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HIDATO COMPLETE the grid so that all the numbers, 1 to 60, connect consecutively — horizontally, vertically or diagonally. Hint: you don't have to begin with 1 or 60. Working on the mid-numbers might give you a better start. SOLUTION TOMORROW

# NAME GAME

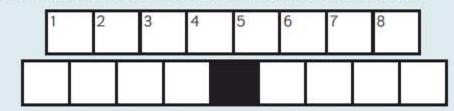
BOX 1: Kathryn Bigelow (pictured) was once married to which other filmmaker? Martin Scorsese (P) James Cameron (M) Francis Ford Coppola (G)

BOX 2: In TV's Will & Grace, what was Will's profession? Lawyer (R) Teacher (S) Architect (U)

BOX 3: A Venn diagram is usually made up of what sort of shapes? Circles (A) Squares (W) Triangles (T)

BOX 4: Which of these flowers is known as a 'tournesol' in French? Snapdragon (0) Daisy (K) Sunflower (R) HIDDEN in the grid is the name of a filmmaker. Answer the questions, then rearrange the letters corresponding to your answers to fill in the name. **SOLUTION TOMORROW** 

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BOX 5: Andrzej Sapkowski wrote which series of fantasy novels? The Earthsea Cycle (G) The Witcher (N) Outlander (V)

BOX 6: Think Of A Number and Think Again were children's TV shows presented by whom? Fred Dinenage (N) Tony Hart (X) Johnny Ball (I)

BOX 7: Vanilla Ice's 1990 hit single Ice Ice Baby, from his debut album, was based on the bassline of which song? Under Pressure (I) Bohemian Rhapsody (F)

Life On Mars (Y)

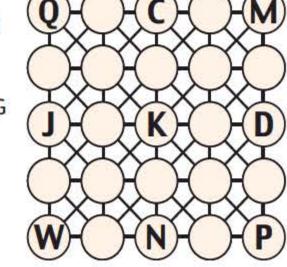
BOX 8: Imbolc is a Gaelic festival marking the beginning of which season? Spring (A) Summer (K) Autumn (C)

Yesterday's answer: JOHN WATERS (1J, 2E, 3R, 40, 5W, 6H, 7A, 8S, 9T, 10N).

Picture: PA

# GOGEN





ABØØEFGHIXKLMMOØØRSTUVWXY

INSERT letters to form listed words, moving between adjacent cells horizontally, vertically or diagonally in any direction. Insert all remaining letters of the alphabet (except Z) in the grid so all listed words are spelt out. SOLUTION TOMORROW

♦ 75

+87

SUDOKU

6 1 2 4 7 5 9 3 8

WORD SEARCH

RENNURHBF

CO

A

P

**FULMINATE** 

ME

F

S

D

WORD WHEEL: aced, acid, acidy,

dace, decay, demic, dice, dicey,

emic, iced, immediacy, mace,

mediacy, medic, mica, mimic.

came, cammie, cedi, cyma, cyme,

acme, amice, amidic, cade,

NINE TO FIVE

GU

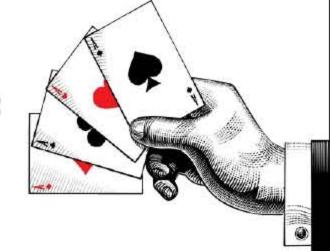
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C

Missing: GRADER

# BRIDGE MASTERCLASS | CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

A 10 4 ▼KQJ9752



AT Love All, second in hand, what would you bid after RHO passes?

IN any position at the table, except fourth, your hand is worth a pre-emptive bid of 3♥ — a sevencard suit without a defensive trick outside. Styles of bidding vary between duplicate and rubber bridge, but this would be a sound pre-empt in either game. Add an ace or even a king to the hand and it would be too 'strong' to pre-empt if playing duplicate. But, because different tactics apply in the rubber bridge battlefield, such a restriction wouldn't necessarily apply.

This high-level pre-empt is the most difficult bid for the opponents to contend with because you have deprived them of bidding space and, if they enter the auction, they risk finding your partner with a strong hand.

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6 3 1 9 7 4 5 2 8

3 7 1 2 8 4 5 9 6 5 2 4 7 8 9 3 1 6 2 6 4 9 1 8 7 5 3 4 5 6 7 1 9 8 2 3 9 8 3 2 6 1 7 4 5 8 9 3 7 2 5 4 6 1

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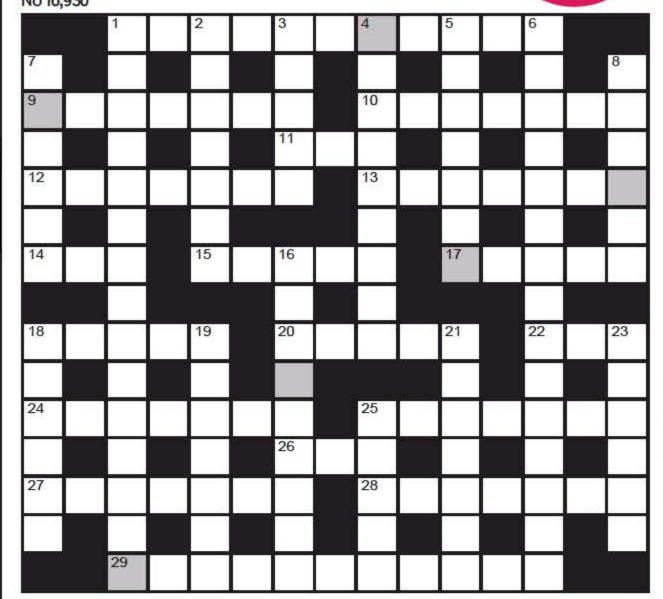
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### **ACROSS**

- 1 Country lover Brown backs Scottish island register (11)
- 9 Shuffle in mock ballet here and there (7)
- 10 Hugging Roo's head, Milne's bouncy
- character set off (7) 11 Nearly dispense with
- running board? (3) 12 Teacher withdraws fish dish with
- breadcrumbs (7) 13 No slate involved in constructing shelters (4-3)
- 14 Scrap paper (3)
- 15 Put out medicine containing whiskey (5)
- 17 English lad collects new wood (5)
- 18 Old Athenian garret (5)
- 20 Pastoral work idly ordered on-line (5)
- 22 Finish chunk of Golden Delicious (3)
- 24 Bolt-hole that's revolting not finished on time (7)
- 25 Corrupt record run in Channel (7) 26 Some smuggle in
- foreign cash (3) 27 Illegally stream current
- top performers (7) 28 Ask peer to be prepared for presiding officer in another place (7)
- 29 Run into quiet more mature investor (11)

### DOWN

- 1 Eye problem in NHS residents deteriorates
- with age (4-11) 2 Hack a bit old for this sort of newspaper (7)
- 3 Very plump old boy feasted regularly (5)
- 4 Gunners feeling sick
- on board vessel (9) 5 Ape? One couple huas it! (7)
- 6 One's well-balanced, firm, wielding real power over king (9,6)
- 7 Moneylender bound to be found in old Middle Eastern city (6)
- 8 Straitlaced prince is shy, having lost heart (6)
- 16 What's big in the 3 is typically small on runway? (9)
- 18 With a big book outside, husband relaxed (2,4)
- 19 Poor actor, fit, upset country (7)
- 21 Dial rep after work? The hardof-hearing may do it (3-4)
- 23 Dull article in Derry needing editing (6)

YOUR

ANSWERS

25 Circular items for party (5)

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PRIZE SUDOKU

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3 4 8 5 9 7 6 1 2

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8 6 1 2 8 5 7 9

7 9 3 5 2 1 8 6

2 1 5 4 3

9 7 2 1 3 8 9

8 9 2 4 5 1 9 7 1 3 1 3

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD

10 Suture. 11 December. 12 Verandah.

13 Income. 14 Hart. 16 Allen. 17 Goya.

24 Yellow. 25 Scents. 26 Oleander.

18 Oddjob. 20 Footnote. 23 Mechanic.

ACROSS: 8 Baldacci. 9 Reagan.

TRAIN TRACKS

KAKURO

# 30-SECOND CHALLENGE www.30secondchallenge.com

START on left with number given and follow instructions as you go across. In 30 seconds, beginners have to

complete their own challenge; intermediates have to complete their own challenge and the beginner's; advanced players have to complete their own challenge and the intermediate's. SOLUTION BELOW

Beginner	98	+4	÷6	×4	+31	÷11	×7	DOUBLE	-9	÷9	
Intermediate	75	19/ <sub>25</sub> OF IT	+34	5/13 OF IT	×12	5% OF IT	6/7 OF IT	×30	5/9 OF IT	<sup>29</sup> / <sub>100</sub> OF IT	
Advanced	17	TIMES	+61	8% OF IT	×3½	+100	9/22 OF IT	LESS 33 1/3%	×22/3	225% OF IT	

### KENKEN **SUDOKU X CRYPTIC CROSSWORD No. 16,927** 3 5 4 2 1 6 ACROSS: 1 Maitre d'hotel. 8 Tel Aviv. 6 4 3 9 Algebra. 11 Aventurine. 12 Prop. 2 6 1 5 3 4 14 Ring road. 16 Arroyo. 17 Lac. 4 3 5 1 6 2 19 Locate. 21 Magnetic. 24 Echo. 25 Amphibians. 27 Sublime. 28 Long 6 1 2 4 5 3 ago. 29 Ethyl alcohol. DOWN: 1 Mullein. 2 6 4 5 3 1 1 4 6 3 2 5 2 Inveterate. 3 Reversal. 4 Drains. 5 2 3 6 4 1 5 Olga. 6 Embargo. 7 Steamrollers. 10 Approach shot. 13 Front bench. GOGEN KILLER SUDOKU 15 Dam. 18 Catholic. 20 Cohabit. 8 5 7 1 6 9 3 4 2

1 9 2 4 5 3 8 7 6 4 3 6 2 7 8 9 5 1 5 6 1 9 2 7 4 8 3 3 7 9 8 1 4 6 2 5 2 8 4 6 3 5 7 1 9 6 4 3 5 8 1 2 9 7 7 1 8 3 9 2 5 6 4 9 2 5 7 4 6 1 3 8

> DOWN: 1 Canute. 2 Adjutant. 3 Screed. 4 Wind chill factor. 5 Traction. 6 Tarmac. 7 James May. 15 Audience. 16 Albanese. 17 Gangland. 19 Johann. 21 Oxygen. 22 Troyes.

22 Travail. 23 Amoeba. 26 Pity.

MAILWORD

ACROSS: 1 Riff. 5 Sword. 10 Tonal. 11 Taper. 12 Aggro. 13 Arena. 14 Cur. 15 Gag. 17 Raw. 18 Teak. 20 Befall. 22 Tirades. 24 Shines. 26 Wise. 29 Cot. 30 Beg. 32 Now. 33 Amuse. 35 Argue. 37 Medal. 38 Guess. 39 Preys. 40 Agra. DOWN: 1 Rogue. 2 Ingratitude. 3 Far. 4 Flog. 5 Staged. 6 War. 7 Opera singer. 8 Renal. 9 Drawl. 10 Tact. 16 Abase. 19 Kin. 21 Few. 23 Rebels. 24 Scamp. 25 Homer. 27 Sousa. 28 Ewes. 31 Gaga. 34 Say. 36 Rug.\*

SMALLEST, HARDEST CROSSWORD — ACROSS: 1 Hag. 4 Pall. 5 Trad. 6 Yep. DOWN: 1 Hare. 2 Alap. 3 Gld. 4 Pty.

### **SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLES**

KUROSU:

**QUICK QUIZ:** 1 Brazzaville, 2 Uranus, 3 Black, 4 Eric Pollard. 5 Bird.

MINDBENDER: 160. 2 They all form new words with the suffix -ity (vanity, amenity, charity). 3 Lana Turner. 4 Poitiers; the others were Euro 2016 venue locations. 5 Barbel, angelfish, whitebait, basking shark.

MASTERQUIZ: 1 Portugal. 2 Robert Southey. 3 Gas exchange. 4 Luciano Pavarotti. 5 Nehemiah. 6 Cassiopeia. HONEYCOMB:

1 Burden. 2 Rumble. 3 Louche. 4 Custom. 5 Motive. 6 Victim. 7 Middle. 8 Derail. 9 Alkali. 10 Akimbo. 11 Object. 12 Cetane.

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